



Clough Nursery Unit
Parents' Newsletter
January 2024



Welcome back to a new term and a new year at Nursery!

This term is always a busy time for us as we continue to learn through play. We will also be doing some *group work* to develop our receptive and expressive listening skills (i.e. listening and talking) as well as playing games to increase our mathematical skills eg matching, sorting, creating repeating patterns.

As we continue to concentrate on the children's *language development*, we will do the following:

- **Polly the Parrot** will be continuing her weekend visits to the children's homes. The children love to talk about their time spent with her the following Monday morning.
- Every Wednesday morning we will begin our day with **News Time**, when the children can talk to each other and share news together. If they wish, the children can bring in a photo of a toy, a visit or an activity to show and talk about with their class mates. 6 children are picked to talk each week (I will let you know when it is your child's turn), but all will get a chance to talk in the course of the term.

These activities are aimed at helping to develop your child's confidence and enjoyment with language.

Applications for Nursery and P1 places for September 2024 will open on the 9th January 2024 and will close on 26th January 2024. Registration for P1 and Nursery places will be completed on EANI admission portal. www.eani.org.uk

We would appreciate it if you would share this information with your friends, family or anyone you know, who may have children due to start Nursery or school in September 2024, so they can find out about our school.

Our theme for January is **Winter**. The colours are **purple** and **white** and the shape is the **Circle**. Please encourage your child to look for these colours and circle shapes around your home. Children can continue to bring in named items for our colour and shape table if they wish or send photos via seesaw.

Dates for your diary:

- **Friday 12th January:** Playball with coach Amanda and Daniel continues.
- **Friday 19th January:** We will be visited by the **Hullabaloo** Theatre Company to present "Winter Wonderland".
- **Thursday 25th January:** We will again be visited by Gillian from **Jo Jingles** to enjoy more musical activities together.
- **Friday 26th January:** Playball with coach Amanda and Daniel.

January will be a busy month, but we hope an enjoyable one too.

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