

# **Gentleshaw Newsletter**

# November 2018 - Issue 2



#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- School Christingle service 20th December- Jozone will be open 2pm-5pm after school.
- INSET Day: 21st December 2019- We will not be open.
- Christmas Holiday- 24th December 2018- 4th January 2019- Back to school on the 7th January 2019

## **TEDDY BEAR WORKSHOP**



During the week of  $3^{rd} - 7^{th}$  December we are going to be running a teddy bears workshop, you will get the chance to make 1 of 6 different Christmas teddies to take home. The workshop will cost £10 plus the usual Jozone session fee. If you are interested please let Jo or Steph know, this is open to all children of the school. Any new children will need to be registered with Jozone before coming to the workshop.

# **20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

On the last day of term as the school have their Christingle service they close early at 2pm. We will be opening Jozone at 2pm until 5pm. If you still require a session please let us know so we know how many children we will have. Thank you in advance.

### NEW ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

We are going to be moving onto a new online booking system in the new year. Parents will need to register their children themselves and you will be able to both book and pay online. More information will be available in the New Year.

#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**



We just wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we hope you have a wonderful fun filled Christmas and we will see you all in the New Year. We look forward to hearing all about the exciting things you did over Christmas.

## WEEK BEGINNING 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

As school usually have a very busy week the last week of term before Christmas we are going to be having our Jozone Christmas party on the Thursday the week before (13<sup>th</sup> December) We will be playing party games and having party food for snack. If you normally don't attend on a Thursday after school but would like to join the party just let Jo or Steph know and we will book you in if we have space.

#### LEARNING AT HOME IDEAS



Every newsletter we include some fun ideas for you to do at home with the family in order to help support your child's learning and development.

For this newsletter as it is approaching Christmas we thought we would give you a few fun Christmas themed activities to get you into the Christmas spirit.

MATHEMATICAL DEVELOPMENT: Why not make a paper chain advent calendar, not only would this help in mathematical development with writing the numbers on each link but it also helps develop gross motor skills and creative skills.

LITERACY: Write your letter to Santa to let him know what you would like for Christmas, you can send it off to: Santa/Father Christmas, Santas Grotto, Reindeerland, XM4 5HQ. Remember to put a stamp on the envelope and to put your name and address on the letter so Santa knows where to reply to. The last posting date to Santa is 7<sup>th</sup> December. This activity will also help with developing communication and language skills and social skills.

EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN: Have fun creating your own Christmas cards to send to people, you could use glitter and sequins or make it pop up by adding a paper spring to the design. Be as creative as you can.

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