**CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024**

*Dear parents/carers*

*Christmas is nearly upon us; the fun, festivities and celebrations have started. This is a time of celebrating the birth of Jesus, and the fullness of life that he offers to everyone, of love, acceptance and compassion for all. These are the gifts that we want to extend to all the children at Sticky Fish.*

***CHRISTMAS JUMPER WEEK***

*All the children are invited to dress up in something festive if they would like to do so. It could be just a piece of tinsel or a Santa hat! There is no need to buy anything new for this. This will be the week of Monday 9th to the 13th December on every day of the week.*

***SINGALONG AT THE LUNCH CLUB***

*The children will be singing some Christmas songs to the elderly people in their lunch club on Thursday 12th December. You’ll be able to see some photos of this on Tapestry.*

***CHRISTMAS PARTY!!***

*This is for ALL parents and children on the last day of term, which is Thursday, 19th December at 12. Please arrive promptly, as a special visitor will be coming along! The children will be singing their Christmas songs to you too. There will be a sign up sheet on our main door the week leading up to the party, for you to write what party food you will be able to bring. Ideally, finger foods will be the best choice for the event. We will close at around 1.15 for the Christmas holidays.*

***STICKY FISH/MESSY CHURCH CELEBRATION***

*We would like to invite you and your child to join us for the joint Sticky fish/messy church celebration on Sunday 15th December at 5pm in the Toddlers hall. The Sticky Fish children will be singing their songs, so please do let me know if you are not able to come.*

***FUNDED CHILDREN***

*If you have a funded place with us (either for the 30 hours, or the 2 year olds for working families) you will need to obtain an eligibility code from HMRC. This code lasts for a term, and you will then need to reconfirm that code when you receive a notification on your childcare account. Please ensure you do this promptly each term.*

***HEALTHY LUNCHES***

*It is important that you provide a healthy packed lunch for your child if they stay for lunch. We would ask that no chocolate bars or sweets be put in their lunch box please. We have been focusing on healthy eating at Sticky Fish this week and have had some discussions together about what this could include, as well as using fun games and imaginative play to inspire the children with their healthy food choices.*

***TERM DATES***

***Term 2 – Mon Nov 4th – Thurs Dec 19th (Fri 20TH Inset)***

***Term 3 – Tues 7th Jan - Fri Feb 14th 2025 (Mon 6thInset( 2025)***

***Term 4 - Mon Feb 24th – Fri April 4th***

***Term 5 - Tues April 22nd - Fri May 23rd***

***Term 6 - Mon June 2nd - Tues July 22nd***

***HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!!***