

Newsletter 16th December 2016

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts, attended and supported our brilliant evening last Friday. It was lovely to see so many of our families starting their Christmas celebrations and having a lovely time. Our team had a brilliant time on their different stalls and as a school we raised approximately £6000 which is outstanding. The PTA will liaise with Miss Fairweather and the monies will be distributed throughout the year.

Christmas Cards

If you would like to send cards to the other children and families in reception, we have a post box in the bay for you to post the cards and we have a team of Year 6 children who will then deliver them each day. We are not able to give out a class list due to data protection issues, the children are very good at telling you who is in their class.

Christmas Stay and Play/ Christmas Assembly

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to the assembly and Stay and Play on Tuesday. The children were very excited to share the songs that they had been learning and they did not disappoint as they were brilliant. It is always nice to see any Grandparents and members of the family who are not always able to come to school as often as they would like to.

This Week

In phonics this week we have looked at the new sounds **ai**, **ng**, **ee** and applied them in our phonics sessions with writing and reading. In our maths sessions we have been ordering numbers, writing numbers and consolidating our learning from this half term. Our afternoon learning has been looking at how we celebrate Christmas in our homes and how this is celebrated around the world and how this is similar and very different. We made ice balloons and watched how the ice changed state and how long it took inside and outside. The children were fascinated with this process and regularly checking on it throughout the day.

Christmas Lunch

Tracy our School Cook excelled herself with a delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday. All the team shared their lunch with the children and we had a super time.

Film Night

We watched Arthur Christmas together in the small hall and everyone had a super time. At the end of the film there was a prize draw for the DVD of the film and the winner was Grace Kelsall which was wonderful.

Junk Modelling materials

Thank you for the boxes and tubes that have been coming into school this week the children have been very creative and made some adventurous models. Please continue to bring them into school as we will always need the materials replacing.

Next Week

Dates for this week are at the end of the newsletter.

Our learning next week

Our new phoneme next week will be **oa** and a **trigraph - igh**. We will focus on the actions associated with these letter sounds (we follow Jolly Phonics) and have a variety of games and activities to support this. We will review all our "tricky words" **I, to, no and go, the, me, we, be, was** and introduce the new tricky word **my**. A "tricky word" is a word that you cannot phonetically segment. We will continue to use RM maths each day and the children are already fully engaged with this. In maths we will be looking at teen numbers. Children can often find this tricky and this will be one of a variety of sessions where we will look at how they are formed and written. We will keep the sessions practical using Christmas maths activities to support our learning. In our afternoon sessions we will be sharing the Christmas Story with our children and keep it very simplistic for their understanding.

Assessment

We will be benchmarking the children this week and assessing their reading groups and book band for the new year. We will comment on their progress in their reading dairies throughout the week. We will also carry out a 2D shape assessment to assess their understanding and recognition. We will send home the assessment data in reading bags.

Parents as Partners

In school bags tonight is the response to your completed Parents as Partners forms for the Autumn Term. I have also attached a copy of current Jargon that is used in school to support your understanding when reading newsletters.

Homework

Please continue to listen to your children read as often as you can as a family. Continue to read stories to them and share lovely texts and language together.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs K Heywood

Mrs Z Richardson

Dates for Autumn 2

Monday 19th December - School Nurse in school for hearing checks.

Tuesday 20th December KS1 and EY Christmas Party

Thursday 22nd December End of Term until Monday 9th January

Friday 23rd December - INSET