

Early Years Newsletter 15th December 2017

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 **£6013.80**, 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. 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.

P.E.

We will have PE as normal on Monday morning. PE kits will be sent home for the holidays and they need to be returned Monday 8th January 2018.

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. Due to the wintery weather over the weekend we have been talking about the snow and ice.

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.

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 numbers. We will keep the session's 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. This is part of the RE teaching throughout school.

Homework

Can you make a Christmas/Celebration decoration for next Thursday's Show and Tell session. We would love this to be a labour of love, Christmas is about spending quality time with the people we love where possible so please spend some time getting crafty and share the result with us on Thursday 21 December.

We will be talking about family a lot this week and the people that are important to us. We will be talking about how we could share some happiness and kindness. Please discuss this at home and how we could do this together, we look forward to hearing your ideas.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs S Morton

Mrs Z Richardson

Dates for Autumn 2

Wednesday 20th December KS1 and EY Christmas Party

Thursday 21st December End of Term until Monday 8th January

Friday 22rd December - INSET, school closed

