HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER
Friday 11th December 2020

Only one week to go!

It's definitely feeling like Christmas in EY now! We enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch on Monday thanks to our fabulous kitchen team. We had all the trimmings, Santa hats and Christmas music!

The cheeky elf is continuing to cause chaos in our classrooms; he even climbed onto the roof one day!

On Monday, it will be our Christmas party so please send the children in wearing party clothes (or anything else they would like to wear.) We'll be dancing, playing games and eating treats.

Your children continue to impress us every day with their conduct in school, this has not gone unnoticed by other members of staff in school who have commented on how polite and well behaved the Early Years children are. You should be very proud, we certainly are!

Our learning this week

We have been working hard on our handwriting this week and have been practising our best name writing. We have continued our phonics work this week with the diagraphs **th, ai** and **ee**. We have recapped the tricky words **go, no, I, to, the, into, we, me, be** and tried to write **no, go** and **to** from memory. We have revisited our sounds **s, a, t, p, i, n, c, d, m, o, g, k, e, u, r, g, ck, h, b, f, ff, ss, l, ll, j, v, w, x** and **y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh** and **ng.** We have also been using phoneme frames to help us break down and write cvc words. See if the children can remember how to draw one for you and try writing words like **pat** and **dog** or even one with a digraph such as **duck** and **ship.**

In maths, we have been talking about shapes and looking at their different properties, focusing on the language to describe them. The children have been encouraged to count corners and sides. We then looked at the 2D shapes we can see within some 3D shapes. We have also been decorating Christmas trees by adding 1 more or one less than a given number.

In P.E this week, we had a competition in teams. Mr Cairns set up different challenges where we had to gain as many points for our team as possible. We were throwing foam javelins, aiming beanbags, balancing and catching.

Forest School

On Thursday next week, it will be our turn for Forest School again. The children will need to wear plenty of warm clothes, as we will be outside. They will need to come to school in their own clothes but please make sure they are not wearing anything you're worried might get dirty. They will need to wear jumpers, coats, hats and gloves. A pair of wellies or old shoes would be a good idea; they will also need a pair of shoes for them to change into once we come back inside.

Christmas Hampers

Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets for our fabulous hampers. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, they really are wonderful!

Homework

We have really enjoyed sharing all the fabulous decorations you have been making; they have really brightened up our classrooms. Thank you for continued support with all our home learning, we really appreciate it.

Next week will be a very busy one and we won't have time to share any homework so you can have a week off!

Lunches

Next week, will be the packed lunch option as Years 5-6 are still to have their Christmas lunch. The lunch menu will revert back to Week 1 from Wednesday, so please check the lunch options on the menu.

Please remember to send in a named water bottle each day as the children use these at lunchtime as well as during the day.

Contacting us

Unfortunately, we are not able to invite you in to school under the current Covid restrictions but you can email us at earlyyears@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk if you have any issues or queries and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can contact the office at admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Have a fabulous festive weekend!

Mrs Richardson   Mrs Gillett   Mrs Baynes   Mrs Eccles

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