

Newsletter 12 - Friday 7th December 2018

Dear Families,

Last week's assembly was lovely! It amazes me how well the children can learn the stories off by heart and perform them so confidently when they are so young. They did a great job and it was nice to hear how much you enjoyed it too!

Preparations for our first Christmas performance are well underway and the children are singing beautifully! Don't forget to keep practising the song words with the children so they can be word perfect by next week. Thank you for all your support with costumes. Please do talk to us if you need any help with this. All costumes need to be in school by **Wednesday 12th December** in a plastic bag with your child's name on it please. This means we will have them in time for our dress rehearsal.

As we only have 18 children in school, there is no need to restrict the number of people that come to watch the children. We do however, ask you to be mindful of the numbers you invite as the children do get a bit stage struck when there are very large crowds. Many thanks.

Raffle at the Christmas Performance: Don't forget if you are able to donate anything to the raffle we are doing at the Christmas performance, please send it into school on or before **Wednesday 12th December**. Many thanks indeed.

Christmas Dinner: On Tuesday 18th December, we will be having our Christmas Dinner with the children. We have bought crackers and napkins and all the staff will join the children for this special lunch. Check out Twitter for the photographs.

Staffing: You may remember that a few weeks ago, we were advertising for a Lunchtime Supervisor. We were delighted with the response we received and the quality of applicants and I am pleased to let you know that we appointed two people! Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Freckleton will be starting with us after Christmas and I know they will be a great addition to our staffing team.

Absences: Please do not forget to telephone the school office by 9am if your child is going to be absent from school. Our Attendance policy requires us to have a reason for an absence as soon as a child is off school so please help us to make sure we can do this. Many thanks for your help with this.

This week's phonic sounds: Please see below the sound that has been taught this week so you can help your child recognise it and have a go at writing it at home.

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Sound Blending Books: From the feedback we've had so far, the children have been doing extremely well with these! We will continue to send these home as they get progressively harder until 'Sound Blending Book 10'. As soon as we feel your child is ready to move on, they will bring a story book home. We've started reading books within the Phonics lessons and the children are really enjoying them.

Harrier Award: This week the Harrier Award for our value of 'Everyone working together' goes to Leo who is always offering to help out in any way he can with amazing manners! Thank you Leo, you are such a big help to our class and our school!

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend, perhaps with a bit of Christmas shopping or tree decorating!

Mrs Hopkins



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