Dear Families,

One week to go and Christmas is ever nearer! As always, it has been a very busy week. The children have been practising for their very first nativity performance next Thursday on the big stage in the hall. They are working hard on using their big singing voices in order to put on a fantastic show for you all. Thank you for all your support with the costumes and the song practising at home. We are really looking forward to sharing our performance with you all!

We have enjoyed lots of Christmas activities this week. In our Maths work, we have matched Numicon pieces to templates to recreate festive pictures such as a Christmas tree and stockings, thinking about the shape of each piece and the number that it represents. Following the interests of the children, a particularly enthusiastic reception to the story 'Aliens love Panta Claus' saw us creating our own aliens with modelling clay and other resources, before going on to experiment with mark making as we described our creations by writing on some giant underpants! Outdoors, the children have used the den making equipment to build a sleigh and a grotto. PE saw us playing a game of 'Raid the Nest' as we worked in teams to bring the most presents back and put them in our sacks. We had a lot of fun with this game!

Dates for your diary next week:

Thursday 19th December- Our First Nativity! Drop children off at nursery and make your way to the school hall. Our performance will begin at approximately 9am- please try to ensure that your child is in nursery by 8.45 prompt as we need to get them into costume as soon as possible!

Friday 20th December- our last day at nursery this year! Usual finishing times apply for both morning and afternoon sessions.

<u>Christmas Jumper Day- Friday 13th December</u>- Thank you to everyone who took part and donated their £1 donation to Save the Children.

Now to Birdie and his plans for the weekend! After watching carefully, Birdie has consulted with Elvis and decided that Harris has settled into nursery so well. After just a few days with us, he is already showing wonderful listening skills and making some fabulous choices! Birdie is looking forward to spending the weekend with Harris!

We wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to lots more Christmas fun and activities next week. Our performance is going to be amazing!

Mrs Blackshaw and Mrs Buckley 😳

Home learning- Could you please continue to support your child with learning the first verse of 'Away in a Manger' as shown on the song sheets previously given out.

The children have also been looking at the different ways that Christmas is celebrated throughout the world. We would love to hear about Christmas at your house, if you do celebrate. If not, let us know about any other celebrations that take place in your home! Thank you.

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