

Newsletter 11 - Friday 30th November 2018

Dear Families,

I can't believe we are already at the end of November - where did the month go? As you know, we have started learning our songs for the Christmas Performance so the children are getting excited for it and enjoying learning all the words - I can't believe how well they have picked them up after only a few sessions! It always feels too early starting to learn them in November but with the performance only 2 weeks away we had to get cracking! Miss Coxon has sent out a letter about costumes today. Please do not feel that you have to buy a costume. There are suggestions on the letter of how you can create things just using clothes and items from home; shepherds absolutely look their best with tea towels on their heads!

Staffing: You may have noticed a new face on a Tuesday and a Thursday, which is Miss Shakir who is a Level 3 Child care student and we are lucky enough to have her for 2 days a week for a whole year! She has fitted in brilliantly to our school and has made some lovely Arts & Crafts with the children. I know she will be an asset to our school.

Nursery & Reception place Admission: The application process is open now for Reception places for September 2019. Please apply via Staffordshire County Council's website this year. The link is: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/admissions/Apply/apply.aspx> We will also be opening our Nursery from September 2019 too, application forms for this are available from the front office. We plan on taking 3 & 4 year olds. Please do spread the word with friends and family about the places in both Reception and Nursery at our school. It will be good to have healthy numbers in each year group moving forward.

Sickness and Diarrhoea Bugs: Unfortunately it is that time of year where we get these type of bugs and they can spread very quickly indeed. Our policy, like most schools, is that if your child has had either of these symptoms then they need to stay off school for 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped. This is to reduce the likelihood of it passing on to other children. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

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

ch, qu, x, ng

Sound Blending Books: Next week we will have completed our Set 1 sounds so your child will bring home a Sound Blending Book that will have mostly CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words in it - similar to a flashcard book. Please sit with your child and have a go at sounding out each word and then blending it together to make the word. There are pictures for each of the words to help to broaden their vocabulary. Do as many or as few as your child wants to do and don't worry if your child still doesn't remember all the sounds at this stage, we will keep practising them every day until they do.

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A request: Hallie's Mum has a friend who has found herself in very tragic circumstances and a crowdfunding page has been set up for her. Please find the link below and if you can help in anyway please do. We will be having a raffle at our Christmas Performance and all proceeds will go to this cause. Please support if you are able. Raffle prizes will also be very welcome.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/leannesfightagainstlungcancer?utm_id=106&utm_term=QR36X93Nm

Harrier Award: This week the Harrier Award for our value of 'Everyone working together' goes to Nova who always quietly helps her classmates in lots of different ways. She's often the first to offer help to someone, open the door and is very kind in sharing. Well done Nova!

Please have a look at some of our photographs from this week and don't forget to follow us on Twitter - see below.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend,
Mrs Hopkins



The Gingerbread Man has escaped! Where will we find him?



Hang on a minute! He's in Caitlyn's mouth! Looks like he's finally been eaten up!

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