

# Foundation Stage Newsletter

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019



### **Reception**

We have made it to the end of our first term and time has really flown by. The children have settled extremely well into school life and have learnt lots of new skills, grown in confidence and independence, adjusted to new routines and made many new friendships over the term. I am sure we are all ready for a break from routine, however please keep reading, writing and counting with the children over the holiday period keeping all those skills fresh for the new year. This week we have been looking at the Christmas Story in more detail and the children have been retelling the story and painting scenes. We have also been dressing up and role playing the characters from the story. We have found out how people prepare and celebrate Christmas and have shared our own Christmas routines with our peers. We have been using scissors this week to carefully follow a model to cut out and create Christmas pictures. In our Kinetic letters we have been learning how to form the final family of letters 'The Slider Family' these are the trickiest letters to form. In phonic session Mrs Morris' group have been blending and segmenting single words using all of the phase 2 sounds, while Mr Lees' group have been reading and writing sentences using the phase 2 sounds. In our Maths sessions Mrs Morris' group have been counting out the correct number of items from a larger group while Mr Lees' group have been finding one more/less from a given number.

Please don't forget to fill in your diaries over the festive season. The children really do love to share them with their peers.

As this is our final newsletter of the year we would like to wish you a very 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'

### **Important Dates:**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Party day (please see food list for your contribution, Reception children to bring party clothes in a named carrier bag)

### **Pre-School**

This week in Pre-School we have had such a short but busy week. The trip went extremely well and I hope all the adults who joined us enjoyed it. The children especially enjoyed seeing Santa!!

In groups on Wednesday, the children could draw their favourite farm animal. We had sheep, goats and the main favourite, the reindeer. We also had lots of fun making our own 'hot' chocolate. We mixed coco powder and milk together with a tiny amount of sugar, the children's favourite bit was to dip their finger in and taste the hot chocolate.

Finally, we have been learning some new Christmas songs including Jingle Bells, When Santa Got Stuck up the Chimney and Put the Lights on the Christmas Tree!

We have had an extremely busy term and we cannot believe how quickly it has gone. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

### **Reminders:**

Unfortunately, spare clothes are running extremely low. Please ensure if your child has been sent home in spare clothes that you return them ASAP. Donations of spare clothes appreciated.

### **Important Dates:**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Party day (please see food list for your contribution) Pre-School can arrive in Party clothes.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Afternoon children break up.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Morning children only – No Wrap Around. Finish at 11.30