

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fabulous week we have had! We are very proud of all the children; they performed magnificently in our performances. Thank you for your support.

### **Twitter**

We still only have a small number of parents following us. Please can you ensure that you return the signed agreement if you haven't already done so and choose to follow the relevant class on Twitter. If you are unsure how to sign up, please come in and ask, we will be happy to help.

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### **W/C 5<sup>th</sup> December**

We have had a very busy week with our two concerts. On top of this, we have explored 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and talked about using capital letters for names. In maths, we have started to look at money, recognising coins and making amounts. We have also been making different Christmas resources.

### **W/C 12<sup>th</sup> December**

We cannot believe that we have reached the end of the first term! Where does time go? We are delighted that all of the children have made progress since the beginning of September; we hope you can see how far they have come too. Next week we will be looking at the Christmas story and discussing why and how we celebrate Christmas. We will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes, asking children to recognise and describe them. We will also have lots of different Christmas crafts taking place.

### **Early Excellence Tracker**

Since September, we have been assessing the children's progress using a system called Early Excellence Assessment Tracker (EEXAT). We upload the observations we do of the children and use these, along with work from guided activities, to inform our assessments. Next week, we will be sending home a letter with some more information.

### **Spring Term**

Our topic after half term will be 'People Who Help Us'. We will be looking in particular at:

- Doctors
- Nurses
- Paramedics
- Dentists
- Vets
- Firefighters
- Postal Workers
- Police Officers

If you work in any of the above fields or know somebody who does, we would appreciate it if you could get in touch with us. We would like to have lots of visitors into school to help the children gain a deeper understanding of their roles. Similarly, if you can provide any resources that will help us, in particular any medical supplies for our ambulance role play we would be grateful.

- dressing up/ plasters/ bandages/ stethoscope

### **Learning Log**

This week we have been exploring money with the children. Looking particularly at 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p; the children have found it quite challenging. This week, please explore these coins with your child. In school, we have been playing 'shops', providing children with a price tag (no larger than 10p) and asking them to find the correct coins. If your child is finding it tricky, please only use the 1p coin to make amounts. We would like you to tweet pictures to us or send them in of what your child is able to do. We have also included some money matching cards in your child's reading folder to help you.

### **Handwriting**

We have been collecting the handwriting books in this week but unfortunately, we have only been able to collect a few as they are not in the children's reading folders. Please ensure they are returned into school no later than Monday.

### **Party**

Our party is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please sign up to an item on our food list if you haven't already done so. The children will not be having a school dinner on this day. If you have any queries, please come in and speak to a member of the team. The children are allowed to come in non-uniform for the day but please do not send them in fancy dress.

### **Craft Morning**

A reminder of our Reception Craft Morning on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 9:30 am until 11:00am. The children are all invited to bring one or two adults with them.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

The Reception Team