

# Reception News



# Friday 6th December

December is finally here! The children have been very excited this week to tell us all about their advent calendars and elves and have been telling us about what they would like for Christmas too. We have our own advent calendar in class and the children will each get a turn to bring home a chocolate treat. We have started to practice our Nativity this week on the stage and the children have had fun singing and dancing together. Well done!

# **Next week in Reception**

# Sounds of the week Review

We will be having daily phonic sessions using our new phonics scheme and reviewing all the sounds learnt so far this half term.

# Topic focus — Christmas

We will be reading 'the dinosaur that pooped Christmas' and will be completing some fun Christmas themed activities.

## Maths work— mass

We will be focussing on mass and weight and will be sorting objects into heavy and light. We will use the balances and will investigate which objects are heavier and which objects are lighter.

Vocabulary: mass, weight, heavier, lighter, balances

# Words of the week Review

# Rhyme of the week

Christmas songs for the play

#### Snack cafe

Thank you for the donations that have already been sent into school.

#### **Homework**

There will not be any written homework sent home until after Christmas.

Please continue to share your child's reading book and practise reading the online Oxford Owl book as often as you can.

Don't forget your child can practise their maths skills using the Numbots program too.

#### Show and tell

Each week we would like to choose a group of children to bring something to show to the rest of the class during a 'show and tell session'. We will complete the show and tell session on a Monday afternoon.

We ask that children only bring in things on a Monday if they are in the group for that week. Next week we would like the children in the 'purple' group to bring something in for 'show and tell'.

I will send a message to the children in the purple group on class dojo to confirm their group.

### **Important dates**

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December—nativity play performances

**Thursday 19th December**—Christmas party afternoon (more information to follow)

#### P.E.

The hall will be out of use for the next 2 weeks as classes will be practising their Christmas performances on the stage. We will therefore not be able to do our normal Friday PE lessons. We will continue to use the bikes and scooters on a Monday afternoon and have regular access to outside to ensure the children are getting plenty of physical exercise.

#### **Nativity play—costumes**

We will be trying on our costumes next week. Please can you send any costume items requested into school on Monday. ALL children need a pair of black school pumps to wear on the stage. Please make sure any items are named so that we can make sure they are returned to the right owner if they get misplaced. Many thanks.

#### Praise assembly

Invites for praise assembly have been sent via Parent Mail. Five children are being praised this half term. Please check your Parent Mail. Parents of those children being praised should head to the school office after drop off on Friday morning.

### **DOJO** badges

Our dojo badges have now arrived. Every time your child achieves 50 dojo points, they get a certificate presented in Key Stage I worship and a badge. These badges can be pinned to children's jumpers or cardigans or attached to bookbags. Lots of children have already had their 50 dojo certificate so we have given these children a red badge this week. When they achieve 100 dojos, they will be given their orange badge.