

# Reception News

One more week until the Christmas holidays and we are in full Christmas mode this week. We will be making Christmas cards, reindeer food, lots of Christmas crafts and lots of Christmas fun!

Thank you for all your kind words after the Nativity performance last week. We're glad you enjoyed it. The children had worked really hard, learning their lines and the songs and did brilliantly. We were so proud of them all.

## **This week we are learning:**

**Phonics** – we will be recapping all of the sounds and tricky words that we've taught so far. There will also be lots of Christmas themed reading and writing opportunities available over the next week.

**Maths** – we are recapping all of the numbers to 10 and will be using Numicon to find different ways to make 10 as well as using cubes and other manipulatives to add and subtract to make 10.

**Jigsaw** – This week will be a recap of all of our Jigsaw themes this week but particularly looking at friendships – why it's important to be kind, what to do if our friends are not kind and what to do if we forget and we are unkind to a friend.

**Music** – we will be singing lots of Christmas songs this week.

**Other** – we have lots of Christmas themed activities such as making cards, writing letters to Santa, making gingerbread playdough men (and women), experimenting with ice, making Christmas scenes in the woods, making doilie angels and hunting for Santa's lost carrots.

## **Reminders**

- PE kits – we haven't worn PE kits yet so won't send these home. If your child has only brought plimsoles in, we will be sending those home. Please return them in January along with the rest of their PE kit – black shorts and white t-shirt in a named bag which can be hung on their peg. Reception children do not need tracksuits as we do PE inside.
- Lost property – there are a few bits and pieces in our lost property box. We will put this out on the picnic table outside Willow classroom at drop off and pick up times this week. If you are missing anything, please have a look and make sure you name anything that doesn't already have a name
- **Bug Club & reading books – please return books in folders on Tuesday mornings.** It takes us quite a while to change books as we need to make sure that children get the right book for the sounds and tricky words that they're working on. If books are returned any later than Wednesday, we may not have time to change them before the end of the week. We will send reading books home on Thursday, as usual. Of course, you might not be able to read every day over the holidays but, a little bit of reading and/or practicing on Bug Club over the holidays will really help us hit the ground running in January. We are also sending home a couple of fun Christmassy phonics activities in reading folders for the children to practice sound recognition and tricky words.
- Thursday is Christmas jumper day and there is Christmas dinner for anyone who has ordered one.
- Carols on the common – 4.30-6. Refreshments will be served in 'The Sanctuary' which is part of the Parish Rooms. These will be available from 4.30 with the carols with the brass band from 5.30-6. Please ensure that children are accompanied by an adult and are dressed appropriately for the weather and the darkness. Please remember to keep your children close by you as it will be dark and busy.
- **School finishes at 1.45 on Friday (19<sup>th</sup> December) and we return on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.**