

# Early Years Newsletter



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## NURSERY NEWS

Our Nursery week started off in a really Christmassy festive way with our Christmas sing-a-long. The children all looked fantastic in their Christmas clothes with their snowflake hats on. They performed wonderfully! We are so proud of all the children. Well done, you are all superstars! Hope you have managed to watch and enjoy it too.



This week we have been revising the sounds we have learnt so far. The children are really starting to understand and hear the sounds that words begin with. It is fantastic to hear them say "m" is for monkey, "s" is for snake etc..

On Tuesday we made our Christingles. We found a song which helped the children understand why we make the Christingle and what it means. We have been doing some sizing of snowmen and finishing our Christmas crafts. We have had Christmas lunch and our Christmas party, which was lots of fun. We have had a super exciting last week of term. Thank you to all the parents for sending in the food for the Christingles and party. We appreciate it, thank you.

I would just like to finish this term off by saying all the children have been fantastic this half term. They are really maturing and growing into independent children. It is a joy to see! Also, I would like to thank all the parents for the support you have shown us throughout the term.



I hope you all have a lovely restful and peaceful Christmas. We will see you in January 2021. Our first day back after the break is Wednesday 6th January. Merry Christmas and a happy New year to you all.

## RECEPTION NEWS



What an amazingly exciting, fun packed and busy week! There has been so much icing sugar, paint, orange aromas and excitement in the air over the last few days, we are all feeling incredibly festive! We hope you enjoy all the array of things that have been created this week to eat, put on your mantlepice or hang on your Christmas tree.

### Nativity poem

With our simplified Nativity now all finished we would like to thank you for all your lovely comments, we were so impressed with the children. It is hard for them to get motivated when there are no parents to encourage and support them and they only have the words, 'We are starting to record now.' instead! A Nativity is such a rite of passage. What was nice this year though, was the fact that because it was far more low key, the children largely chose their own parts. Consequently, there were no sheep yet lots of angels!



### Photographs

The photographs that were taken after our Nativity, proved popular and we hope that they made great Christmas presents and keepsakes.



### IT systems

As you know we have had lots of challenges with our systems over the last two weeks. However, we are now up and running again! Hopefully, everything will continue to be 'bug free' from now on and final tweaks and settings can be put in place over the holidays. Thank you again for your patience. It has been a challenge for us all!

### Notices for next term

#### Forest fun

Please could all the children bring in wellies and a pair of thick waterproof trousers. It is getting wet and muddy now and it is hard to keep the children's games kit 'cleanish' without the appropriate clothing. It also means that they miss being able to jump in muddy puddles with their friends! Thank you for your support with this!

Our topic for the January half term is 'Superheroes' so get your masks and capes at the ready!

The children have been enjoying their ballet lessons this term. Please ask in the office if you would like your child to join.

Lastly, a huge thank you for all your Christmas cards, festive wishes and gifts. As ever we are truly grateful for all your support and kind words, particularly this year. They have been much appreciated.

Have a truly wonderful break.

Keep safe

The Reception Team

