



Our Week



(The story of Advent using Godly Play)

We have had a lovely but wet week in Reception. Your child might like to tell you a little bit about some of things we have been learning this week:

- We enjoyed our Christmas Art day and made lots of lovely decorations to bring home at the end of term
- We have continued practising for our Nativity. Making sure that we use clear, loud voices and join in with all of the songs and dances. We are nearly ready for the actual performance!
- We continued to look at the characters from the Nativity story and drew and labelled our Nativity scenes
- In RE we talked about Advent and how it is a special time that we use to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. We listened to the Advent Story as our teachers used "Godly Play" to act it out
- We are counting down to Jesus' birthday by opening our class Advent calendars each day. Only three weeks until the big day.
- We shared the story of "One Snowy Night" and looked at lots of different nouns in the story.
- In Maths we explored 2D shapes and drew wonderful Christmas pictures by drawing around them.
- In music we continued to learn our new Nativity songs
- In Phonics we continued to learn about special friends and blending.
- In PE we worked together to make high shapes and low shapes

Notes for parents

- The **Nativity dress rehearsal is on Tuesday the 9th December**. The children should arrive in school in their costumes with their uniform in a named bag to change into afterwards. Please also ensure each item of clothing and any accessories are clearly

named. The costumes will stay in school until the **actual Nativity performance to parents which is on Thursday the 11th December**. The children will get dressed into their costumes at school.

- **If your child has been given some words to say in our Nativity play, please continue to practise over the weekend. The louder and slower the better!**
- A Christmas post box has arrived in Reception. The children will have the opportunity to post their Christmas cards in the post box and they will then be delivered to our classes. To ensure the correct card arrives, please include the class name and surnames on the cards
- The children will not be taking a library book home now until the New Year. We still have some books that have not been returned. If you know that your child's library book is at home please return it ASAP
- **Lunches** – Each day we still have a small number of children without an ordered lunch. Not only does this cause additional work to staff but it often upsets the children when they are not able to have their preference. **Please, please order your child's lunch at home.** If there is a problem with this, then please speak to us. Thank you.
- **Travelling Crib**
- Please see letter below regarding the travelling crib.

Dates for the Diary

- **Wednesday 3rd December till Monday 8th December** – Scholastic Book Fair. Please come along to the Pope Francis Hall from 3.15pm. There will be a variety of books for you to purchase – books make great Christmas presents! All purchases will help the school buy extra books for all. Payment is via the QR code (on the day) – NO CASH or CARD (see below).
- **Friday 5th December – PTA Christmas Fayre. Music timings:**
 - ❖ 3.30 – 3.40: EYFS
 - ❖ 3.45 – 4.00: Teachers
 - ❖ 4.15 – 4.25: Year 2
 - ❖ 4.30 – 4.40: Choir
- **Thursday 11th December** – Christmas Charity Run – look out for details in the main school newsletter.

Wednesday 17th December – School Christmas lunch.

Friday 19th December – Last day of term. School finishes at 1:30pm today. No Games lesson so normal uniform please.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

The Reception Team

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Dear parents and carers,

We would like to invite you to take part in our special project called 'The Travelling Crib'.

Each night one family from the class will play host to the 'Holy family' in the form of a nativity set. This is to help us remember the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem, and as a family take time to stop and think about the true meaning of Christmas.

The night you have the crib in your house we ask you set up the crib scene and switch on the candle. After that follow the script in the accompanying leaflet and take a few moments to be silent and reflect on what Christmas means to you. The enclosed prayer can then be said. The following morning the crib must be packed up and returned to school so that it can be passed on to the next family.

As you can imagine, with so many children to get through, it is imperative that the crib is returned safely the following day.

The cribs will be sent out to three children at a time, starting on 3rd December, so please keep an eye out.

May God bless you and your family.

Deb Walker

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