

# Reception Newsletter – No 3. Dec 18

We can't believe that it's nearly Christmas and the children have almost completed their first term! Please make sure all coats, hats, scarves, gloves and jumpers are named as this means they can be easily returned. Please remember that the children should only have **water** in their bottles, optional snack should **only** be 1 piece of fruit.

Children are enjoying learning the songs and rehearsing the nativity. We look forward to performing it next week.

## Phonics

We are now part way through Phase 3 of the sounds. When completing any homework/writing at home with your children please encourage them to apply their knowledge and sound the words out.

### Tricky words and high frequency words

Please keep practicing the high frequency words that your children are bringing home.

### Reading books

The children are really enjoying reading and are becoming more confident at changing their own books. Please make sure reading records are signed so we know when you have read with your child.

## How you can help your child

Practise writing name and sounds covered.

Practise sounding out 3 letter words using the sounds covered e.g. p-i-n=pin c-a-t=cat.

The children enjoy playing this game in class please take a look;

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/PictureMatch.html>

Share at least one book daily and discuss the story throughout.

Count objects e.g. stairs, cars, trees, giving each object a number and begin simple addition and takeaway.

## School Lunches

Please remember that if the children are going to be changing from school dinners to packed lunch or vice versa you need to let the office know with at least a weeks' notice.

### Can you help us?

We are looking to update our mud kitchen. To be able to do this we are looking for donations of the following

- Pots
- Pans
- Baking trays
- Bowls
- Wooden spoons
- Sieves or colanders

### Dates

End of Term  
Wednesday 19th  
December at  
2.00pm

Back to school: 3<sup>rd</sup>  
January 2019



As Christmas approaches we are very busy, therefore Christmas cards will only be distributed once a week. Please ensure cards have a class name as well as the recipients. We have attached a class list on the back of this newsletter.

We will be doing PE after Christmas. Please ensure your child has a PE kit with them from 3<sup>rd</sup> January with every item labelled. We would advise that over the holidays your child practises dressing and undressing themselves.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2019

From The EYFS team