



# Foundation Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school for our very busy Christmas half term. We hope you had a lovely break and managed to get out and about for Halloween and bonfire celebrations despite the rain!

This term we are learning about Diwali, and then our topic will be Toys, followed by Christmas. If anyone feels that they can help with this topic in any way, we would love to hear from you. Please do come and speak to a member of the Foundation team. If you could help with our Diwali celebrations or if anyone would be willing to come into class to talk about or show us any very old toys, that would be wonderful. Thank you.

In phonics this week we have been learning to hear the initial, the medial and the final phonemes in a consonant-vowel-consonant (CVC) word. In maths our number was 5. We investigated all of the ways to make 5 and we practised counting objects accurately.

## Diary for the Term

This half term is a very busy one with lots of events coming up so we thought it would be useful for you to have a list of events and dates in advance;

- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November;** Training day. School is closed.
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December;** Christingle service. 9.15am.
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December;** Nativity costume deadline.
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December;** Christmas dinner. Christmas jumper day.
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December;** School Christmas Fair.
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December;** Foundation Nativity show. 2.00pm.
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December;** Foundation Christmas party.
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December;** School closes for the Christmas break.

We will give you all the information you need about each of these events nearer to the times. We just wanted to give you a list of the dates for your diary.

## Phonic Sounds

The children have learned all of the phase 2 sounds in school now so please could you keep practising them at home with your child so that they retain their learning. Thank you. Next week we will begin to teach the phase 3 sounds and will send home a set of sound cards for these. We will let you know which sounds to cut off each week.

## Foundation Nativity show

Our Nativity show takes place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The children have already started to learn the songs and are doing a wonderful job! We have given everyone a part in the show and in your child's bookbag today there is a slip that tells you which part your child will be playing and what costume will be needed. If your child has any lines to learn I have attached those. Please could you help your child to learn their lines at home. Thank you so much for your help. We are very excited to perform our show for you!

### **Show and Tell**

Just a reminder that our show and tell sessions have finished now, so please don't send in any toys to school. Thank you for all of the interesting things that you sent in last term. The children have all enjoyed telling us about them and it has really helped to develop their confidence.

### **Celebration Assembly**

If anyone takes part in any clubs or events and would like to bring a certificate or trophy etc into school to be shown in our celebration assembly on Fridays we would love to get them. It is lovely for the Foundation children to be able to stand up and show everyone how fantastic we are!

### **Things to Practise at Home**

- Have a practise of all your sound cards and read your reading book.
- Count out five objects. Can you separate the objects in different ways to explore the different ways to make 5. Eg 4+1, 3+2 etc.
- Saturday is going to be a lovely day. Can you go outside and make a big cosy leaf pile in the corner of your garden for hedgehogs to make their winter bed.

That's all for this week. If you have any questions, or if you feel that you can help with our topic of Diwali or old toys, please don't hesitate to come and speak to a member of the Foundation team.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards

The Foundation Team.