

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We cannot believe how quickly this term has gone and can hardly believe that your child has nearly completed the whole of the Autumn term in School! WOW!!!

#### Learning over the last two weeks

These last two weeks our main focus has been on our performances for the Christmas play. The children have worked so so hard and they all really enjoyed the performances they have been in this week. We were very proud of how they sparkled and shone.

We have also looked at the Christmas story and different ways Christmas is celebrated. The children have all written about what Christmas means to them and sequenced the story.

We have been searching for numbered presents in our outside area ordering them and finding one more and one less.

#### Phonics/ Reading

This week we have been revisiting all the phonemes we have been learning over the last couple of terms. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE could you all practise the phonemes over Christmas. Practising regularly for 5-10 minutes really does help to cement their understanding and support your child with learning to read.



In your child's book bag today is a print out of the tricky words that we have focused on this half term. We have included 2 sets of each word so that you can play snap and matching games with the words. Tricky words need to be learnt by sight through regular repetition. Please practise these words with your child over the holidays.

As part of our Brook school homework policy, Reception children are expected to read with their family at least four times a week. Please could all families read regularly over the

holidays and write in the blue diaries so that we can see what reading your child has enjoyed.

#### Christmas Party

On Tuesday we are having our class party day. On this day we will have time in the hall for a disco where we will have a good old dance and play some party games. At lunchtime, we will have a shared lunch in our classrooms with the food that is brought into school. Please remember to sign up for an item of food on our party list. Please could you fully label food that comes into school e.g. HAM SANDWICHES etc and we would like to remind you that we are EGG/NUT/SEED free in Reception.



We are hoping that in the afternoon we may even have a special visit from someone extra special.... Ho Ho Ho!!!

#### The last day

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of the Autumn term, this is a reminder that school will finish at 1pm. Please collect your child from their normal classroom door.

#### Learning Next Term

Next term we will be starting the new topic of Super Heros. We like to involve the children in their own learning and plan activities from their interests. We will be sending home a form for you to fill in with your child over the Christmas holidays with their ideas of activities they would love to happen in class based on our Super Hero topic.



**Dates coming up:**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December PARTY DAY** - remember your party food! Your child can wear party clothes.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1pm** Last day in school before the holidays

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019** School starts

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their continued support. Have a lovely Christmas and stay safe over the holidays.*



The Reception Team

