



**“With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.”**  
**Reception Parent Planning Week Beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nativity</b></p> <p>The rehearsals for the Nativity will move to the stage this week!          The children will learn where they need to stand and will be practicing getting on and off the stage. At first they will do this in their school uniform and then their costumes (always a bit trickier!).</p> <p>Please send your child's nativity costume in as soon as possible. Please make sure it is in a named bag.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christmas Lunch</b></p> <p>The last day for Christmas lunch orders is <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> December. Please return the slip to your class teacher.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Literacy</b></p> <p>The children's confidence in their ability to write has grown a lot since they started Reception back in September. This week they will be writing inside the Christmas card that they have made for their family.</p> <p><i>At home: If you would like your child to write in Christmas cards for your family and friends, make sure you give them plenty of time and do a few each day as it is tiring for them to concentrate on writing for a long time.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Letter Sounds of the Week</b></p> <p>We are introducing phonics to the children using Ruth Miskin cards. These will be displayed in your child's classroom for you to look at.</p> <p><i>This week we will be revising all of the letter sounds by playing Phonic Christmas Bingo!</i></p> <p><i>At home: This is a great game to play with your children over the Christmas holidays. It can be letters or numbers and there are some downloadable ones on the internet for you to print out (or get the children to help you make your own).</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Notes</b></p> <p>Reception nativity to parents takes place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm to 3.00pm</p> <p>Christmas Jumper day Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Children can wear a Christmas Jumper, hat or onesie.</p> <p>Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Understanding the World People and Communities</b></p> <p>We would like to talk to the children about how people around the world celebrate Christmas in different ways.</p> <p>The children in our Reception classes come from a wide range of family backgrounds and it would be nice to hear about your family traditions.</p> <p>Please write a short note describing a tradition that we can share with the children.</p> <p>As an example, when I was a little girl we always opened our Christmas presents on Christmas morning as soon as we got up. Some of my friends opened their presents after lunch and I know that in some countries presents are opened on Christmas Eve.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christmas Creativity</b></p> <p>At last the children can start their Advent calendars! Each class will have their own Advent calendar and it will help children to recognise order and count up to 25.</p> <p>When the children return to school on Monday their classrooms will be decorated for the celebration of Christmas. At this time of year it is important to keep a structure and routine to the day and that behaviour expectations remain the same.</p> <p>We will be talking to the children about their feelings of excitement, hope and love for friends and family.</p> <p><i>At home: Over the next couple of weeks try to keep your child's routine the same as usual. The added excitement of Christmas, on top of the tiredness of a long term, can sometimes lead to some challenging behaviour.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Book Bag Reminders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please check your child's book bag every day for letters or notes from school</b></li> <li>• <b>Please empty your child's book bags of pictures, drawings etc every day</b></li> <li>• <b>Please make sure that your child has their reading book with them every day</b></li> <li>• <b>Please sign your child's reading record every time your child 'reads' with you</b></li> <li>• <b>Library books are changed every Monday, ONLY if the previous book has been returned</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christmas Cards.</b></p> <p>If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their class mates, please post them in to the class post box. The cards will then be handed out at the end of the day.</p> <p>The card that the children have made for their family will be sent home on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.</p>