



“With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.”

Reception Parent Planning Week Beginning 10th December 2018

<p>We Wish You a Merry Christmas!</p> <p>This is the last Parent Planning of 2018. Can you believe it? It has been a long term and the Summer seems a long way off. The children have worked so hard and we, the teachers, are very proud of them and all they have achieved.</p> <p>All of the staff in the Early Years team would like to wish you and your families a peaceful and fun filled Christmas.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a wonderful 2019.</p>	<p>The Nativity</p> <p>The excitement is building for the performance of our nativity. Thank you for sending in your child's costume and if you haven't done so yet, please ensure it comes in to school on Monday. If you are having any difficulties with the costume please let your class teacher know by Monday.</p> <p>I know that you are going to enjoy the performance and it will feel like the true start of the Christmas celebrations.</p> <p>The doors will not open any earlier than 2pm and the children will be taken back to their classrooms after the performance to change back into their uniform and Christmas jumpers. Please collect your children as usual from their classrooms.</p>	<p>Bug Club</p> <p>From January, Reception children will have access to an online reading scheme called 'Bug Club'. The teachers will allocate every child two books to read and they will all have a personal log-in for use at home. This does not replace the current reading scheme and it is important that you still listen to your child read every day.</p> <p>The children will receive their log-in details when we return in January.</p> <p>As the children read they will gain points that will allow them to access a game in Bug Club as a reward for reading the allocated books. We are confident that the children will enjoy the scheme and that it will help them develop their reading skills.</p>	<p>Notes</p> <p>Reception nativity to parents takes place on Friday 14th December at 2.15pm to 3.00pm</p> <p>Christmas Jumper day Friday 14th December – Children can wear a Christmas Jumper, hat or onesie.</p> <p>Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 18th December</p> <p>Last day of term – Wednesday 19th December at 1.15pm</p>
<p>Celebration Assembly</p> <p>In January, Reception children will start to attend the Celebration Assembly every Friday.</p> <p>This is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the children's attitude to learning, their kindness to one another, their achievement and their progress.</p> <p>The class teachers will nominate individual children, groups of children and whole classes for recognition. The children will be learning about being happy for other children who have been nominated and recognising the attributes that the teachers are looking for.</p> <p>Each week I will choose some of the Characteristics of Effective Learning to share with you in the Parent Planning and how you can support your child at home.</p>	<p>The Characteristics of Effective Learning</p> <p>Playing and exploring – engagement Finding out and exploring Playing with what they know Being willing to 'have a go'</p> <p>Active learning – motivation Being involved and concentrating Keeping trying Enjoying achieving what they set out to do</p> <p>Creating and thinking critically – thinking Having their own ideas Making links Choosing ways to do things</p>	<p>Literacy</p> <p>The children will be listening to lots of Christmas Stories and having a go at making one up themselves using a story map.</p> <p>Maths</p> <p>The countdown to Christmas is proving to be a very popular maths activity! The children are learning about the order of numbers (both up and down) and using the language of 'before' and 'next'.</p> <p>Creativity</p> <p>The children will be making Christmas decorations for their families. Be prepared for lots of glitter and sequins!</p>	<p>Christmas Cards.</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 week.</p> <p>The card that the children have made for their family will be sent home on Monday 17th December.</p>