



15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 2 Week: seven

## Reception Class Newsletter

The weeks have flown by and we will soon be breaking up for Christmas. The children still have much to look forward to in their last week of school. We have a **Christmas party on Tuesday** and your child can come to school dressed in their party clothes. A reminder that we will still have our usual playtimes so dress warmly for the weather with suitable shoes for outdoor play. We will enjoy a Christmas dinner at lunchtime on Wednesday. We have lots of Christmas crafts to create. **Remember to send in named carrier bag on Thursday** so we can make sure your little one gets all their bits and pieces.



The children reflected on their performance of "The First Christmas" at St Mary's. They talked about the experience and recorded a response for their learning journey. The children have also been busy cutting and creating a stable scene. The children have also been building a stable for the Nativity puppets in the building area.



The Christmas workshop has been in full swing this week. The children have been wrapping gifts to help the elves and have been checking the lists to make sure no one is missed! They have also had the opportunity to write Christmas cards and Santa letters.



We have continued to use the story of "The Gruffalo" as a stimulus for our activities. The children loved making and eating their Gruffalo crumble. They have also acted out the story using puppets, have created their own Gruffalo picture and have learnt a Gruffalo song.



In maths, we have been handling data. The children asked the question "What would you do on a snow day?" They collected their results in a Class tally chart using their mini-me photos. We then looked closely and interpreted the results. The children have also ordered presents according to size.

### Super stars

Well done to Cooper and Pippa who are our stars of the week. Fantastic effort!



Well done to Sienna B. and Willow who are VIP's this week. Keep up the super manners!

### Mystery Reader

Our mystery reader was Emma's mum who read the story of "Three Little Monkeys". The children loved hearing what those cheeky monkeys got up to.

*Many thanks again for your time!*



*Enjoy the weekend,*

*Mrs Rogers, Mrs Cheadle, Mrs Thompson  
and Miss Lewington ☺*

### "The Gruffalo" show

The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to The Lowry to see "The Gruffalo". They were all very well behaved and represented Excalibur beautifully. Staff at the Lowry commented on their super behaviour and their lovely manners. Many thanks again to FOE for helping to fund this enrichment activity for our children.



### A Special Request

Next week, we have planned activities based on the story of "Stickman". This will lead us nicely into Christmas. We want the children to each make their own stickman character. While you are out and about can you look out for a suitable stick? ***Please send stick donations in on Wednesday.***

