# **Reception Class Newsletter**

What another busy week in Reception. There's been lots going on! As well as our 'People who Help Us' topic, we are starting to think about Christmas too. We made decorations for the 'Christmas Tree festival' tree and have begun to learn the songs we will share with you at our Christmas play.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas Decoration Workshop on Tuesday. Special thanks to our lunchtime supervisors who came to help us. The children worked hard and were proud of their finished results. If you get chance to go to the big switch on, pop into Wesley Place Methodist Church and have a look at our decorated tree. It will be collected from the church on Monday and will be on display in the entrance hall until we close for Christmas. We went for a more traditional theme this year. A delicious smell wafted through the corridors as we used gingerbread, cloves, oranges, popcorn and cinnamon sticks to make our decorations.

Today we used our powers of detection as we came back from assembly to discover a crime in the classroom. We used our phonic skills to solve the clues and work out who the culprit was.

#### Show and Tell

Thank you for the wonderful baby items that your children have shared with us this week. Next week we have invited Reverend Hilton from Wesley Place to visit us and explain what happens at a baptism. We would like any 'show and tell' items to be related to christenings, naming ceremonies or baptisms. In the past, children have bought in family bibles, photographs of parents or grandparents christenings, christening candles etc. Red – Monday, blue – Tuesday, green-Wednesday, orange-Thursday and yellow -Friday

### Visit from the Police

This week we were visited by two police officers; Inspector King and Sergeant Daw. We thought about all the things the police do and some of the equipment they use. We got to try on a helmet and special vest which was very heavy! They also brought along a special van that we could look inside. If we were brave enough, we went into the back where they put the prisoners. There were lots of fantastic questions and hopefully an understanding that the police don't just catch 'bad guys'.

#### Mystery Reader

Our first Mystery Reader was Emma's Mum. The children loved hearing the story of "Naughty, Naughty Monster" and "Sugarlump and the Unicorn". Thank you so much for coming to read to our class!



## Super stars

Well done to Emma and Grace who are our stars of the week. Fantastic effort!



Well done to Henry and Charlie who are VIP's this week. Keep up the super manners!

#### Wonderful Water Wall

This week we were very excited to have a new addition to our outdoor area ... our water wall! Thanks to the fantastic effort, time and skill from Mr Pickin and the generosity of Newcastle Plumbing on Linley Road who donated the plumbing parts. As you can imagine, the children were very keen to try it out!

## Enjoy the weekend and we will see you all on Monday,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Baíley and Mrs Thompson  $oldsymbol{arphi}$