



2nd December 2016

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 2 Week: five

Reception Class Newsletter



We have been very busy rehearsing for our nativity performance "Whoops-a-daisy Angel". The children have been working hard to learn our snowflake dance and we have had lots of costumes in already. We plan to have a good run through of the whole performance on Monday 5th and give the children chance to change into their costumes.



In Literacy our focus text has been "The Gruffalo's Child". The children have talked about the sequence of events and were challenged to order a set of story pictures. It was lovely to see the children helping one another and explaining their sequencing decisions.

In maths, we have discussed number order. The children have recognised and sequenced numbers to 10, then to 20. We have also started our Christmas countdown with our sparkling snowmen and candy canes.

In Read Write Inc, we have added new sounds w, and z. The children have been learning our red tricky words and have been helping Fred the frog to blend across CVC words.

Christmas Tree

The children were delighted to see that our Christmas tree and it's beautiful decorations have been placed in the front entrance of our school for all to see.



If you didn't get chance over the weekend to see it at Wesley Place, pop in and have a look.

*Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cheadle, Mrs Thompson
and Miss Kirby*

Super stars

Well done to Reuben and Lilly-May who are our stars of the week. Keep it up!



Well done to Oliver and Cerys who are the VIP's this week. Fantastic manners!

Mystery Reader

A big thank you to Reuben's mum who came to be our mystery reader on Wednesday. The children listened as she shared a selection of stories including "Monty's Christmas" and "Whiffy Wilson". Thanks again for your time!



We have some spring term dates available if anyone would like to sign up ☺

Homework (over the next few weeks)

We thought the children might like to help write Christmas cards for their class friends.

Here is a list of children in our class. A post box will be available in the classroom so that they can post them.

Finley B.	Oliver	Lucy	Emily	Francesca
Jessica	Lilly-May	Isla	Joshua	Emmie
Vaughn	Cerys	Harrison M.	Grace	Isaac
Angel	Beatrix	Lewis	Reuben	Ella
Ava	Erin	Imogen	Jack	Harrison W.
Martha	Finlay K.	Ewan	Lacey-Jay	Noah

Tips to make it more manageable

Children are all different, some will love writing their cards but others might find it a chore or physically tiring.

- Don't expect them to write too many in one sitting.
- Maybe they could sign their name and an adult could fill in the rest.
- Let them use a colourful pen or add a few Christmas stickers
- Sit down and write some of your own cards while they write theirs.
- Encourage them to tick the names off the list as they write them.

Merry Christmas!



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