

## Reception Class Newsletter – 11th December 2015



We have been very busy this week making our classroom as Christmassy as we can! We have changed the role play into Santa's workshop with present wrapping and label writing. This week we have been ordering objects by size and using the computer to play some Christmas activities which you can access at home by clicking on the link on the Reception homepage.



Thank you again to everyone who has sent in their costume, if they needed to provide one. The children are looking forward to wearing them today. They have done such a super job of learning the songs. We are very proud of them! Despite some children being under the weather, we have a lot of bugs and very tired children, as we always do at this time of year, they are being brilliant!

Although a small part of each day has been given over to singing and putting our Christmas story together we have tried to keep the day running as normal, following as many of our usual routines as we can. We have now done all 31 set 1 sounds. We are delighted at how well the children have picked them up. Some children are quite confident and others will need more reinforcement, all of which will be planned for in our Read Write Inc. lessons. We are also amazed at how well they are doing with handwriting and letter formation. Again, everyone is progressing at their own rate, but everyone has made AMAZING progress and we are beginning to write more and more. All that Funky Fingers and Dough Disco has really paid off!



Thank you again for all the fantastic homework, reading and keyring practice that you have been doing. This week will be the last homework until after the holidays. Please keep the homework folders and keyrings until the first day back (Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January). I will be reading with each group next week and we will continue to change books on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please return any books that you have finished

with some of our reading group sets have books missing as they are not being returned on your child's reading day.

Thank you to Maisie Lou and Leah's Grandma Liz and to Jessica W's Mum who have both been wonderful mystery readers this week.

Well done to our stars of the week Findal and Jacob M and to Issie and William who sat on the VIP table to eat their lunch today.

Apologies as I found out too late to tell you in last week's newsletter but last week's Alsager Chronicle ran its Reception Class special. Copies of the photograph can be ordered from the Chronicle website. There will be a further opportunity to purchase a whole class photograph later in the year. Academy Photographers return around May time to take class photographs throughout the school.

Not many sleeps now until Christmas!

Many thanks,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Newbould, Mrs Kemp and Miss Kirby