

## Foundation

Our final week of the Michaelmas term has certainly been an exciting one! For the past few weeks, the children have been busily preparing Christmas cakes, tags and cards for you to enjoy; glitter and sequins are still firmly embedded into our carpets. Christmas lunch was served at the beginning of the week with Father Christmas keeping a firm eye on who was eating up the delicious lunch. Crowns were made ready for the Foundation party where we played different games and enjoyed a delicious party tea. Make sure you have a look at the photos on the VLE. Aside from the festivities, the children have been carrying on with work as normal – no wonder they are tired! Today the children attended the Pre Prep Christingle Service; we hope you enjoyed this if you were able to attend.

Over the term, we have been amazed at how quickly the children have settled into life at St Faith's and how confident they are now with school life! They have worked hard at learning to read, write and count and we are excited to watch them progress next term!

We have sent home a 'Christmas Scrapbook' for the children to use when documenting their holiday activities. You may like to include photographs, drawings or writing and these will be shared in the first few days of the new term. This activity focuses upon your child's communication skills; they will be able to practise speaking to an audience about past events and develop their awareness of the listener when talking.

Over the holidays, you may also wish to encourage your child to use their sounds to write thank-you letters, read simple words in any new books received or play games on the VLE. Use phonics books 1 and 2 to keep practising the sounds taught, but please remember to return book 2 for when we resume our sound learning which will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

It is also really important, however, that the children have a rest so they can start the next term refreshed.

We look forward to seeing the children back in January and hearing about their holidays. Our topic next half term will be based on Growing Up. A topic overview will be available on the VLE in the Pre Prep parent area. Next term, we will be starting our Spanish lessons and beginning to visit the Wild Place.

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2018.

The Foundation Team