

Foundation

Our Christmas celebrations began on Monday when Foundation attended the whole school Advent Service. We watched as two of our youngest children in the school, Alisa and Ethan, lit the first Advent candle with the help of Mr Helliwell.

On Wednesday, we were so proud of the children as they were true professionals in their performance of 'Christmas Counts'. They worked extremely hard to learn the songs, actions and words. Thank you to those parents who were able to watch and for providing costumes; the children certainly looked great and we hope you enjoyed watching it.

We have been busily working around rehearsal schedules to prepare a gift and card for Christmas. These will be brought home next week for you to enjoy!

For homework, we would like you and your child to put some toys in a box. Count them together as you put them in. Then add one more and ask your child how many now? Then show how many are inside the box and count to check. You might like to ask your child the following:

- How many were there to start?
- How many now?
- How do you know?
- How did you work it out?
- What if we added 2 more? How many now?
- What if we took one out? Two out?
- Can you show how many there were and what happened?

Repeat with a different starting number. You may like to share your child's learning via Tapestry.

The last week of term is another busy one:

- Tuesday is our party day. There will be no PE lesson; party clothes can be worn, with sensible footwear, instead of school uniform on that day.
- Wednesday: although the children will be having their Games lesson, we will not be getting them changed. Therefore, no kit bags will be needed in the last week of term. We will also be enjoying a delicious Christmas lunch on this day.
- Thursday: We will be sending home a 'Christmas Scrapbook' for the children to use to record their holiday activities. You may like to include photographs, drawings or writing and these will be shared in class during the first few days of the new term. You will also receive 3 reading books for your child to complete over the holidays, as well as a Pre-Prep Christmas Challenge card (instructions will follow)!

- Friday: The Pre Prep Christmas Service is taking place on Friday morning where the Foundation children will be joining in with our Pre Prep service. If you are collecting your child after the service at 11.30, please wait on the front playground, where the children will be dismissed, as normal. If you are collecting your child at 14.30 please come to the Foundation classrooms. Children leaving at 15.25 will be dismissed as normal.

Best Wishes

The Foundation Team