

# 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, Eilidh and James, 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 'I Spy Christmas'. 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! We shall also be sending our Christmas Charity Challenge which takes the form of a treasure hunt and will keep you busy during the festive season. The money collected this year will go to the Mathieson Music School, Calcutta.

For homework, we would like you to, with your child, draw pictures of different things you do during the day such as brush teeth, eat breakfast, have a bath etc. Jumble them up and then put them back in order. Ask them questions such as:

- Which activity do we do first/last/before..../after.... etc
- Is it correct that we eat breakfast and then have a bedtime story? Why not?
- What would you like to do during your day? What would your favourite day look like?

You may also like to practise chanting or singing the days of the week to help your child memorise them. There are some good songs to sing along with on the VLE. You may also like to ask the following questions:

- Which day comes after today? Will it be yesterday or tomorrow?
- Which day comes before/after Tuesday?
- Can you put the days of the week in order? Can you put them in order starting at Thursday?
- Term ends in a week. When will that be?

You may like to share your child's learning via Tapestry.

The last week of term is another busy one. We will not be learning any new sounds in this week. Here is a quick summary of our week:

- 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 Reading Journal' for the children to use to record any books they enjoy reading over the holiday. Children could draw their favourite characters, a scene from a book, design a front cover, write about the book, write a fact from the book etc. 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.
- 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