

Foundation

Thank you for attending the parent teacher meetings this week. We hope you found yours informative. If you have any further questions please email your child's class teacher.

This week we have been hearing about the children's experiences of pets. One playtime, we found a 'lost dog' in the playground and the children have been busy making posters to try and find his owner. Luckily, a man from a house around the corner turned up, after school had ended, to come and collect him – the posters clearly worked! We also were very interested to hear about your pets, both real and much wanted!

The children have continued to learn new letter sounds and practise correct letter formation. The process of blending these individual sounds into words has begun and the children are working hard to do this independently. Please keep practising the sounds using the flash cards you have made. There are also lots of great games to practise on the BusyThings website, accessed via the VLE. In order to find the games you will need to select Literacy, Communication and Language, then click on phonics programme and then Phase 2, 3, and 4 Basic Letters and Sounds.

We have been working hard on improving our pencil grip this half-term. One of the exercises you might like to do at home to support this is the 'Dough Disco', where you dance with your fingers in playdough. Examples of this can be seen on the VLE (<https://stfaiths.fireflycloud.net/foundation-1/foundation-literacy>).

In Maths this week, the children have been practising recognising and ordering numbers to 5. For homework, we would like you to help your child take photos of different ways of representing the number 5 and upload them to Tapestry. They might like to use a range of objects both inside and outside, for example, they may choose five leaves, five stones, five play figures, 5 dots on a die. You might like to encourage your child to arrange them in different ways (not just in a line). Questions you might like to ask include:

- Tell me what you are looking for.
- Tell me about the things you have included.
- Do you need any more? How do you know?
- Have you got enough? How do you know?

Next week, we are thinking about the new friends the children have made since the start of the school year.

Best Wishes
The Foundation Team