

## 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 a Christmas gift and card for you to enjoy. Please note that the gift contains dairy and may contain traces of nuts (in the icing). Party hats 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!. Snowman day provided lots of fun with the children decorating biscuits, writing about snowmen and playing snowman games. Today the children watched the Pre Prep Christmas Service.

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

Over the holidays, you may 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. Good games to play on Busythings includes any blending and segmenting games, the phonics programme part, and any of the counting games for Maths. Use phonics books 1a and b to keep practising saying and writing the sounds taught. We have also sent home a Christmas scrapbook for your child to practise writing for a purpose as they can use it as a holiday diary. We look forward to sharing these with the children in the new year.

Also coming home is your child's Games bag. Please can it be restocked with a spare set of underwear and a skirt or trousers in case of any accidents. We will keep wellies and yellow library bookbags in school.

However, it is also really important 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. As previously communicated, in order to assure a continuity of education, your child has come home with next term's phonics booklet and a new topic book. Please don't start them early and can you make sure these come back to school when we resume face to face teaching? Our topic next term is 'Once upon a time...'. A topic overview will be available on the VLE in the Pre Prep parent area. We will also be starting our Spanish lessons.

Thank you for all your generous gifts, cards and kind words! We wish you a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2022.

The Foundation Team