

Foundation

Dear families,

Thank you for all the costume pieces you have been sending in, we are all looking forward to sharing our performances of 'Baarmy Bethlehem' with you next week! The songs, dances and acting are looking great, we are so proud of all the children. For homework this week, we would like the children to continue practising their lines and songs using their performing voices.

Please note: the School Comm on Tuesday 27th November incorrectly listed the performance dates as Tuesday 2nd ad Wednesday 3rd December. These should read **Tuesday 3rd December** for our relaxed dress rehearsal and **Wednesday 4th December** for families who do not plan to bring young children. On both days performances will begin at 9am.

This week we enjoyed a visit from a year 1 parent, a dentist, who shared with the children the importance of dental hygiene. We have noticed lots of lovely sparkly teeth!

Today we are sending home the latest set of Level 3 flashcards, as well as the first 5 'Tricky Words' for this section of our phonics work. We pause the teaching of new digraphs and trigraphs at this point in the term and focus on consolidating everything we have learned so far. We will resume next term with further new sounds. Please do keep practising both the sounds and tricky words over the holiday, to keep your child's skills 'topped up'.

The last 2 weeks of term become increasingly busy, we will have a Countdown to Christmas up in each classroom, and have shared this via Seesaw to help your child understand some of the changes to our usual routines. This time of year, while exciting, can also become overwhelming for children, so we plan carefully to maintain our usual expectations and routines as much as possible, while allowing flexibility and down-time where needed. Please do keep us updated with any changes in your child's behaviour or routines to ensure we are able to continue to support them as needed.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

The Foundation Team