Reception News

Dear families,

This week we joined Years 1-8 to celebrate the beginning of Advent. As some of the youngest pupils in our community, we were immensely proud of Charlotte and Quentin, who, in the St Faith's tradition, lit the first candles on our Advent Wreath.

The children are so excited to share our Nativity with you next week – as they said to Mrs Wakefield after one of our rehearsal – 'We are fantastic!'. The stage is prepped, props have been positioned and costumes are ready to go. Thank you for your support practising lines, they children are sounding fabulous! Our Learning Habits of Ambition, Collaboration, Independence and Resilience have been displayed in abundance and we are so proud.

This week we pause our Level 3 phonics teaching, with the final 2 weeks of this term focussed on consolidation of everything learned so far. Today, as well as this week's flashcards your child has brought home the first 5 Level 3 tricky words. Please keep practising these, as regular bursts of repetition will help children gain the phonological awareness to keep making progress. Further ideas to support reading can be found through Beanstalk Charity and National Literacy Trust. A reminder that you can access further books and games at Oxford Owl and Phonics Play.

In maths we have looked at shapes with 4 sides, looking at the properties of squares and rectangles, and we have enjoyed finding out about the festival of Thanksgiving, talking and writing about what we are thankful for.

For homework this weekend, the children have brought home a Snowman paper chain to count towards the festive season.



You will have seen the Schools Post message from Mrs Wakefield with details of some of the excitements ahead. Today we have also sent home a visual calendar for the children to use to help them sequence and understand the last 2 weeks of term. We have an identical, larger version in our classrooms.

Darker evenings, colder weather, bugs and the excitement of the upcoming festive break can all contribute to children feeling dysregulated or struggling to manage. Please be assured, we will continue to support children with 'tlc' in school. Please do keep us updated with any changes to their usual home routine as this allows us to make any adjustments.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

The Reception Team