

Year R – End of Autumn Term Update

Dear Parents

What a fantastic Half Term we have had! Your child has now completed their first full term at school and I'm sure you'll agree that it seems a very long time since we were first welcoming you into our classrooms!

The children have learnt so many different things and have approached every experience with smiles on their faces. The last few weeks have been lots of fun helping them practice for their Nativities, if you look closely at the adults within each classroom, you may notice a few more grey hairs and lines! The Nativity is always such a memorable experience for us all and we are so glad that we got to go ahead with it albeit in a different format than planned and we do hope that you enjoy watching it with your children over and over.

The progress that the Year R children have made in all areas of learning, especially their reading and writing has made us all so proud. All of the children have tried incredibly hard to apply their sounds learnt and we celebrate each of their individual successes. Thank you for your support with reading at home and please do use this Christmas time to share stories together, practice speaking and listening skills through discussion and enjoy quality time together.

It has been such a busy Half Term so it is not surprising that, this week especially, there have been lots of tired little faces. There is so much excitement in a school at Christmas so we hope that each class has enjoyed it as much as we have. Each classroom has certainly been full of Christmas cheer!

Next Half Term, we will learn about Superheroes and how we can all be 'real life' superheroes and also be superheroes in our actions. There may even be some mischief caused by some cheeky villains!

We return to school on **Wednesday 5th January** and **will not** be taking part in PE on that day. **PE kit will be needed from Wednesday 12th January.**

Please do remember that if you do have any updates or non-urgent information to share, you can contact your child's class teacher via email (these will be accessed once teachers return to school on the 5th January.) We love to hear what the children have been getting up to!

Finally, thank you as always for your continued support. We would like to say an extra thank you for the cards, well wishes and gifts that the staff have received. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. We hope that all of our families enjoy a well-deserved rest and most importantly, have a very merry Christmas!

Best wishes,

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