



Dear Parents, Carer's,

This week we have been concluding our learning about Diwali and gathering the knowledge that the children have learnt over the past few weeks. They were truly amazing in their recall, using new vocabulary in the correct context and being able to explain the meaning of the words they were using.

### Christmas Play

Christmas play rehearsals have been a daily part of our routine, with all of the children joining in and many already able to recite their words from memory. This week we have begun to walk through the play, in readiness for next week when we will be practicing on the stage. Please continue to support your child at home if they have a speaking role. We are working on volume, to ensure you are able to hear them during the performance.

A reminder that our dress rehearsal is on 12<sup>th</sup> December. This is a great opportunity for siblings to watch and prepares the children performing for you on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.

**If your child does not attend Nursery on a Thursday, they will need to come in for 10.00am and be collected at 11.30am. They need to be in school uniform.**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December all children need to arrive promptly by 8.50am (at the latest) to ensure that we are all toileted and in our costumes. They need to be wearing full school uniform. Those children who do not attend on a Friday can then go home after the performance.

### Forest School clothing



In Forest School we were able to apply our counting skills by finding a given number of natural objects; sticks, leaves etc. The children were able to develop their counting skills, stopping at a given number.



There will be no Forest School until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December due to play rehearsals.

Please remove your child's Forest school clothing from their bag each week to ensure it is dry and aired. As the weather is now getting colder, they will also need to have clothing that provides them with adequate warmth and protection from the elements. Remember there is no such thing as bad weather. It is the clothing we wear.

### Phonics

In our daily phonics we have continued to learn about letters and their associated sounds. We have revisited previous letter, 's', 'a', 't' before being introduced to the letter 'p'.

Grapheme and mnemonic		Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase	Multisensory action
	p	Bring your lips together and push them open and say <b>p p p</b>	Down the penguin's back, up and round its head.	Arms each side of body with hands sticking out, pretend to waddle like a penguin
	t	Open your lips; put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press <b>t t t</b>	From the tiger's nose to its tail, then follow the stripe across the tiger.	Make a claw with one hand and motion scratching

	<b>a</b>	Open your mouth wide and make the 'a' sound at the back of your mouth <b>a a a</b>	Around the astronaut's helmet, and down into space.	Use two hands to put on a helmet
	<b>s</b>	Show your teeth and let the s hiss out <b>ssssss</b> <b>ssssss</b>	Under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.	Motion the hand to look like a snake moving

### Welford Winter Festival - Friday 6th December

We are excited to announce Nursery is also included in the magical day of Christmas activities on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. If your child does not usually attend a Friday session, they are also invited to come along. They will have the opportunity to take part in all of the events set out below during a morning session, arriving at 8.45am and pick up at 11.45am.

The children can look forward to starting their day with a Breakfast with Father Christmas – a hot chocolate, crafts and of course a special audience with Father Christmas himself.

This will be followed by Christmas Tales with the wonderful Adam Schumacher, who will be joining us to share a traditional Christmas Tale. We will then hold our own Christmas Fayre, where the children will be able to visit stalls that we will have set up in our classroom.

This year we are combining all our magical events in to one school day and we kindly ask you to make a voluntary contribution of £12 per child via ParentPay. Any proceeds raised over and above the costs to run these events will go back to FOWs to raise valuable funds for the school. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Christmas cards

From 2<sup>nd</sup> December we will have our Christmas card post box situated in the classroom, where your child can post a festive greeting to their peers.

### Coats

Please ensure your child's coat, hat and gloves are clearly named.

### Illness

It is imperative that we all follow the guidelines for illness. If your child is ill, telephone the school office and give a brief message about why they will not be attending.

A reminder that if your child needs Calpol or similar before school, they are not fit to attend. It merely suppresses the symptoms and spreads quickly to others.

If you child has sickness or diarrhea, they must not return until 48hours after the last bout of illness.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to speak to me. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,  
Mrs M Sims  
Nursery Class Teacher

"I am not a teacher, but an awakener."

— Robert Frost