

**Christmas Nativity Play** - we appreciate the wonderful turnout for both Christmas Nativity plays. We are sure you will agree that the children were a credit to you. We were extremely proud of them.

Thankyou to those of you who purchased baubles. We raised a total of £161. The money raised will be used to buy extra resources and enhancements this term.

**Forest school** - the first block of forest school was a success and the children really enjoyed this experience. The next Forest School session will run for 5 weeks starting on 10th January and will be attended by the remainder of Miss Beresford's class. The following 2 blocks will run until the summer holidays and will be attended by Mrs Hall's/ Mrs Milburn's class. Your child will be given the relevant paperwork prior to them taking part. Please ensure this is filled in and returned to school or your child will be unable to participate.

### Things we need

If you have any junk materials we could use please send it in so we can make models. Useful items would be yoghurt pots, tubes and boxes both big and small and drinks bottles (not milk bottles or egg boxes).

We would be grateful if you would send a box of tissues this half term.



### **Homework Files**

We would like to say thank you to you all for taking the time to practice the Jolly Phonics sounds and action words with your child. This has really helped your child and we hope you are enjoying learning the sounds, words and actions as much as the children do. We are sure you are looking forward to the start of Phase 3 next week!!!!!!

**Thank you for returning the Homework files to school on a Wednesday.**

It is important that files are returned on a Wednesday so that we can put the homework in the books. Words and sounds will be put in books ready to be sent home on a Friday.

It is also important that **all** homework is completed every week, this will help your child to make progress.

**Reading books** - Please send in your child's reading book every day. This needs to be available in school so that when it is your child's turn to read we can do so.

Just a reminder of the need to comment in your child's reading log when they are heard at home, including comments about any other books that have been read.

# Reception Unit Newsletter January 7th— February 15th Superheroes/Winter



# What will Reception be doing this half-term?

The children will be finding out about the following things this half-term. Our mini topics are **Winter and Superheroes**.

In **Literacy** we will be beginning to learn Phase 3 phonics sounds and words. We will be consolidating reading and writing cvc words and beginning to write captions and sentences.

Our traditional story of the half term will be '**The Three Billy Goats Gruff**'. If you have any versions of this story please send them in.

In **Mathematics** we will be continuing to work on a number of different concepts including adding, subtracting and working with numbers up to 20. We will be finding out about 3D and 2D shapes, positional language, making patterns and ordering by size.

In **Understanding the World: The World** We will be finding out about winter and talking about freezing and melting.

In **Technology** we will be using the paint programmes to paint different kinds of lines and make pictures. We will be making models out of junk materials.

In **People and Communities** we will be talking about Chinese New Year and Pancake day.

In **Expressive Arts** the children will be experimenting with colour mixing.

In **P.E.** we will continue to practise and learn new skills. Thank you for putting names on your children's clothes. Please check them to make sure their name has not washed off. P.E. takes place on Mondays and Fridays. Can you help your child by encouraging them to dress and undress themselves at home and also to zip and unzip their coats as the weather is starting to become cold.

## Other Information

Just a reminder that the bell rings at 8.55am. Should you arrive later than this could you please make sure you use the main school entrance so your child can be registered.

## School Fund

Thank you for the kind contributions to school fund that is paid through parent pay. We rely on these contributions to purchase many extra resources which enhance the children's learning.

We also use it to pay for treats which other wise could not be provided. Your contributions are greatly received.

## Praise Notes

This half term we will begin to send home 'praise notes' with your child. These are blank notes intended for you to write anything that makes you proud about your child. It could be something such as them tidying their room or being kind and helping another person as well as a big achievement such as a swimming award or dancing trophy.

We love to hear about all the lovely things that happen in the home or during extra curricular activities and these are a great way of you sharing your child's achievements with us and for us to share the praise. These will be valued and placed in your child's learning journal as a record of their learning journey at both home and school.