



## Early Years Newsletter: 8

### Nursery with Mrs Bendall

We have been 'beginning to feel a lot like Christmas' this week. A Santa's Workshop has opened at Nursery and many presents have been wrapped and cards have been written and delivered. A Christmas Tree also appeared and the children made their own salt-dough, following a recipe, in order to make beautiful decorations for it!

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Celebration, now rearranged for Thursday 14th of December at 11am, due to the school closure on Monday. This will be a very informal opportunity to sing together and enjoy a mince pie and drink in celebration of this special time. If your child would like to take part, but does not normally attend on Thursdays, you are very welcome to bring them in at 8:45 to spend the whole morning with us. Alternatively, they can be brought in at 10:45, in time to put on a costume, should they wish to!

### Reception with Miss Smith and Ms Oliver



Last week the children have been very busy! We have made symmetrical snowflakes, talked about pattern, added two numbers together by rolling dice, read cvc words, made a Christmas tree, practised the play, learnt about arctic animals and looked at ice melting, written and posted letters to Father Christmas and written and designed Christmas cards. We've had a very creative week!

This week is the big performance! **Could you please ensure that your child's Christmas jumper comes to school tomorrow, Wednesday 13th December.** Please write your child's name in the jumper so it will not be lost. The children will be wearing them on Thursday. The jumper will then come home on Thursday afternoon, in readiness for our whole school Christmas jumper day on Friday.

You will also receive two sets of phonics sounds this week; unfortunately we have had issues with the photocopier so we couldn't send them out last week.

Christmas countdown has begun; the children are very excited to have a popcorn party and film on the penultimate day of term. This is a reward for the children; they have been working hard this term on their learning and behaviour. Well done everyone.

Finally, please can you save any old/used Christmas cards and decorations for the classroom, so we can use them next year. Many thanks.

### Dates for your diary

- *Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 11:00* Nursery Christmas Celebration (Children who do not normally attend on Thursdays are welcome to take part and can come into Nursery at 8:45.)
- *Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December* Reception Christmas Concert at 9.30am
- *Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December* Whole School Pantomime at Overstone and Last Day for Nursery Children. Nursery Christmas Party- (All Nursery children welcome- drop off at 8:45)

Best wishes,

The Early Years' Team