RECEPTION CLASS FRIDAY NEWS

Term 1b Week 3 21.11.14

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for attending our Christmas Stay and Play today, I hope you all enjoyed it. If you have taken any photographs please feel free to make a Story Creator or a PicCollage and send it in to school.

This week the children have been hearing about Spaceman Bob. Spaceman Bob is a character from a book we have been reading during literacy time called Man on the Moon. His job is to look after the moon, cleaning it up after all the visitors have left and entertaining the visitors by dancing for them. The children have emailed Bob and invited him to come to visit our class. He has emailed back and told them he would try to come next week when it is his birthday!

In Maths we have been learning about 3D shapes. The children are starting to recognise cone, sphere, cube, cuboid and cylinders. This weekend we would like you to try to go on a 3D shape hunt around your house or if you go out. Please help your child to identify these shapes and sort them into the correct group. We have been doing this with 3D shapes and objects from our classroom. The children are very good at this and have enjoyed using games on Education City (Year 1) and watching the video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9L9l86N-xM> and http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBUjH2KJns4.

In Letters and Sounds we are now on Phase 2. In Phase 2, letters and their sounds are introduced one at a time. A set of letters is taught each week, in the following sequence: The week highlighted is the one covered this week.

Week 1 **Set 1:** s, a, t, p

Week 2**Set 2:** i, n, m, d

Week 3**Set 3:** g, o, c, k

Week 4**Set 4:** ck, e, u, r

Week 5**Set 5:** h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss

They have also been playing games on the Phonics Play website (www.phonicsplay.co.uk) which you can access at home and on Education City,( F2, Communication Language and Literacy ...Letters and Sounds). Other websites mentioned at my reading meeting are-

Letters and Sounds.co.uk

Book time.co.uk

Oxford Reading Tree E books

Julia Donaldson website

Phonics play.co.uk

Phonics play App

Twinkle Phonics phase 1 App

I have included a caption worksheet for you to use with your child which will help reinforce this week’s sounds. You can do one each night or you may wish to play match the caption to the picture. Some children may wish to sound out the caption and then write it.

On Tuesday we went across to Holy Family Church. Fr Michael welcomed us and then introduced the children to the church. He encouraged them to listen, smell, and look at everything in there. The children were all very attentive and listened carefully to what he had to say. Fr Michael then performed a baptism and the children joined him in welcoming our doll Carolina Maria in to God’s Family. I have put the pictures in to 2Simple as a PicCollage which I will send to you over the weekend.

Next week, in ’Come and See’, we will be starting to think about getting ready for Christmas and Jesus’ birthday. As well as sending home Floppy, I will be sending home our class Posada which is a nativity set and the story Jesus’ Christmas Party to go with it. Please share this story with your child and return it to school the next day and email any photos that you may take of your child playing with the Posada.

Change of clothing

We do have lots of change of clothing for the children but please can you send back any spare uniform that is sent home. It would also be helpful if you could keep a change of socks in your child’s book bag, just in case of over enthusiastic puddle splashing!!!

Dinner Menus

Dinner menus need to be returned with your child’s choice of food on a Thursday.

Snack Money

Snack money for this term is £10.50, thank you to all those who have already paid. If you have not yet paid please could send in to school as soon as possible.

Rarara Books and Reading Diaries.

These will only be changed on a Monday and Thursday until we finish for Christmas. Please note this change of day from the usual Friday.They do not need to be in the book bags on the other days. It is important that these books are returned as your child needs to be sharing books with you on a regular basis.

Home Learning Stories

It is always lovely to read all the home learning stories and see your Pic Collage and Story Creators. The children love to tell their friends what they have been doing and the pictures really help them to remember what they did. Thank you so much, please keep them coming as they all add to your child’s learning journey.

Many thanks

Mrs Evans, Ms Connolly and Miss Langton ☺

Dates for Your Diary

Cronton Garden Centre

On Friday 28th November you are invited to come with us as we walk up to Cronton Garden Centre via Pex Hill to collect the school Christmas tree. The walk to Pex Hill can be quite muddy so suitable footwear is advised.This is a really lovely festive occasion, which I am sure you will remember for a long time.

You are all invited to come with us please sign the letter that has been attached and return to school as soon as possible if you have not already done do.

The Christmas Play will take place on Wednesday Dec 3rd at 9.30am and everyone is welcome.

PTFA Christmas Disco Dec3rd at 4pm until 5.30pm. Tickets available shortly.

School Christmas Dinner Wednesday 16th Dec

Whole School trip to the Brindley is on Thursday 18th Dec. Children will be accompanied by staff only on this occasion.

Finish for Christmas at 2pm Friday 19th Dec

Christmas walk to Pex Hill and Cronton Garden Centre on Friday 28th November at 1.15pm

Please fill in and return to school if you would like to come with us.

I would like my child :

(Child’s name)......................................................................................................

to go to Pex Hill and Cronton Garden Centre on Friday 28th November

I/We would like to come (please circle as appropriate)

Signed..............................................................................................................................