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*We pray together. We play together. We learn together.*

# Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Apologies for the lack of a Newsletter last week - I have been without a laptop which as you can imagine for a teacher is a lifeline!! Happy to be back letting you know about what we have been up to this week at Holy Family! Another packed week filled with Christmassy excitement.

## Christmas Concert

Thank you for supporting the children at the Christmas Concert. We were thrilled to have you all there and I'm sure you will agree that the children were fantastic. I was so proud of all of them and their confidence. We have worked hard and it was wonderful that you all came along to support and celebrate with us. ☺

## Learning Stories

The Learning Stories for the whole Autumn term will be sent out over the Christmas holidays.

## Literacy

This week we have had a visitor in our classroom, Elfy the Elf has been keeping watch on Year One and Reception for Father Christmas. She has been quite a cheeky elf however and has been caught in some funny situations such as pouring red and green paint on the floor, climbing the Christmas tree and pinching the star and leaving notes around the class for the children!

## Maths

We have been playing Maths games this week to help us with our thinking skills in Maths. Mrs Mitchell has been setting us problems in various different contexts to help us to use what we know about addition and subtraction and apply it and explain our reasoning. We have been great at this and have really shown that we are doing well with our number bonds up to 10. One of the things we really loved was a game where we had to create a shopping list using a vegetable and a fireworks shop. We had to spend a certain amount of money each time and were not allowed to spend more or less. We worked out we could buy 4 items for 8p. What a bargain!

### **Letters and Sounds**

This week we have started Phase 4. There are no new sounds in Phase 4 it is the consolidation of our knowledge of the Phase 2 and 3 sounds. We have been practicing reading CVCC (consonant vowel consonant consonant) and CCVC words. We have also been reading alien words. These are words that have no meaning but help to show that we can recognise the Phase 2 and 3 sounds in all words even if they are nonsense words.

### **Come and See RE**

This week we have continued our work thinking about waiting and Advent. We have learnt about the Nativity story and about Mary and Elizabeth. We have been learning about the meaning of the Christingle and what each part of it represents. We have also done an assessment this week on our topic and the children shared some lovely and heart warming ideas about how they can love others at Christmas. This has been linked to our Advent reflections we have had in the hall each afternoon where Mrs Evans has been helping us to consider others in this time of waiting and show God's love to others.

### **Art Focus Day**

This week we had a special day finding out about Kandinsky. He is the artist we will be thinking about this year in Year One. We loved looking for the hidden pictures in his big pieces of Art and we created our own piece of Art which was inspired by his colour and shapes.

### **Homework**

There will be no homework this weekend or over the holidays. Please read with your children over the holidays and this weekend and enjoy sharing books and talking about them together. We just ask that you send in some pictures of your Christmas and hope that it is blessed and filled with love. 😊

### **Dates for your diary**

Autumn Term Ends - 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Mitchell and Miss Cook 😊