



Friday 22nd December

Dear Parents/ Carers

This week has been full of excitement and Reception has been a hive of festive activity including lots of creative crafts, games and Christmas themed learning. The children have taken great care in making their Christmas cards and produced some beautiful writing inside their cards. We hope that you will enjoy them, the children have been so excited to show their families. On Wednesday, the children wore their specially decorated hats for their Christmas lunch in the hall. After lunch, they enjoyed a Christmas party which included some fun games, fantastic dancing and a delicious biscuit made by the kitchen!

After the Christmas break, the theme for Show and Tell is **WINTER**. Below you will find a list of dates for the first half term back.

19th January – Green Ivel

26th January – Yellow Purwell

2nd February – Red Pix

9th February - BLUE Hiz

Speaking, listening, attention and understanding skills form a large part of the Early Years curriculum so this is a good opportunity for your child to practise these skills. Drawing on your child's own experiences is a great way to introduce this task and we usually find they are much more confident to speak about things that they are familiar with. We love to see photos and videos on Tapestry that your child can then talk about during Show and Tell.

In preparation, you could:

- Go for a wintery walk
- Look at books themed around winter
- Explore snow (if we are lucky enough!) and ice
- Create a wintery collage

Last week, PE kits were sent home. Please take this opportunity to check that all kit and school uniform fits and is named ready for the new term.

We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of the Reception team.

Best wishes,

Mrs Britton, Mrs Webber, Mrs Undrell and the Reception Team