

# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

## Reception Newsletter

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are coming to the end of a long half term and are looking forward to a well deserved rest over Christmas. Please remember that school finishes at 1.25pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

The children made us so proud performing their dances at the Nativity last week. Well done everyone.

The Early Years Team.

### Happy Birthday:

Zachary  
Jaxon

### A date for you diary:

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January we will be holding a "1 Term In" meeting for parents of children in Reception at 6.30pm. During this meeting we will look at reading skills, using phonics to write, supporting your child at home and be available to answer any questions you may have. We do hope that you will join us to discover more about how your children learn.

**Punctuality:** Please can we remind all parents that doors open at 8.50am and children come straight in to practice writing their name or forming a letter. We have a number of children arriving just on the bell at 9am and these children are missing the opportunity to practise these skills as well as settle gently into the day before we go to assembly at 9am.

**St. Joseph Staffing:** I don't have long before I begin my maternity leave now but will be returning after Christmas for another 2 weeks and 2 days. After Christmas Mrs Sharpe will be joining the unit and working Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Rankin Thursday to Friday, with myself alongside them to ensure a smooth transition for the children. You can also expect me to pop in often to visit whilst I'm on maternity leave to see how they are all doing.  
Mrs Wadie.

### Christmas Photos:

When you return in January please can you provide a photo of your child's Christmas to enable them to talk and mark make about their experience of Christmas. These photos can be bought in or put onto Tapestry for sharing with the class during our first week back.

### What Have We Been Learning?

The children have been deeply engaged in showing us that they are cutting experts, demonstrating their scissor skills by creating crowns, paper chains, Christmas trees and sequencing the Nativity story. They have also enjoyed making their own creations from paper and decorating our Christmas trees.

Our new numbered log slices are very popular with lots of ordering and addition and subtraction occurring. Children have been keen to record their additions on whiteboards and explore addition using numicon.

In our stage areas there have been lots of 'rehearsals' of our Nativity dances and songs. We have also been writing to Santa, creating Christmas cards, role playing the Nativity and Santa in his grotto.