

Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

We hope you have a relaxing and fun filled Christmas holiday. Please enjoy this time with your family and friends, but just keep up your great reading! We have sent home a few books for you to enjoy over the holidays =)

Love Buzz and Lola



Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents,

Haven't the children been so amazing this week? They have worked so, so hard, as well as performing their hearts out in our Christmas Play on Monday and Tuesday. We have been so impressed with their attitudes and their dedication to everything they have done- they definitely deserve a couple of weeks off!

Children have done lots of Christmas activities this week alongside their usual learning, as well as learning how Christmas is celebrated across the world. Children were really surprised to hear that Australians commonly spend Christmas on the beach, and decided that this sounded like a great idea! Children have made Christmas cards and baked Christmas cookies. In Literacy, children have been preparing for the Christmas party that we held on Friday. Children considered what we would need for a party, drew pictures to show this and even had a go at writing invitations.

Thank you for continuing to read with your child and for helping them to learn their sounds. This week we have played lots of games relating to the sounds we have recently learned, and we are very excited to begin Phase Four of the Animaphonics programme in January. To help children prepare for this, please continue reading with your child, and revisiting any sounds we have identified as especially tricky.

The children have continued to eat in the hall on some days this week, including for the Christmas Dinner on Thursday! As usual, the hall was decorated beautifully by the office staff, and this year, the theme was a very special visit to Hogwarts with some familiar staff members dressed up for the occasion. The children thought this was brilliant and really enjoyed the occasion. Please see the main school newsletter for lots of photos.

As we have had quite a bit of cold weather, could we please ask that your child practices zipping up their coat independently. If you are sending in hats and gloves, can we also ask that these are all clearly named.

**Dates for diary:**

- **Staff Development Day** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January (No children in school)
- **First day of Term 3** – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January
- Our PE days next term are **Monday** and **Friday**.

Finally, thank you so much for all your support and encouragement with your child's learning in the last couple of terms. It is almost unbelievable that children have only been in school since September!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

The Foundation Team