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Hello Everyone!

The highlight of this week was, of course, performing our Nativity Plays. The children did a great job of acting and singing. They were all little stars! They also learnt to use sign language for most of the songs, which will form part of their Heyhouses Charter Award where the children work on special projects which involve doing things for others. All the teachers were so proud of how well the children did as we are sure you will be when you get to see our recordings. These will be on our website from Wednesday next week along with photos of the talented cast.

The children are beginning to get very excited about Christmas now that we have reached December and have started opening the doors of our Class Advent Calendars. The Advent Calendars have provided us with lots of mathematical opportunities to explore number recognition, identifying what is 1 more as well as taking away to find out how many more 'sleeps' till Christmas Day! Our magic number was 10 and we explored number bonds to 10 and counting up in 10's.

On Thursday, we received a special visit from Father Christmas who appeared in our playground and left an early present for all the good boys and girls. He also left an Elf to keep an eye on each class, who will be reporting back to Santa when they return to the North Pole next week. They may also get up to some mischief in the classrooms!

To add to the excitement, Friday was Christmas Jumper Day in aid of The Save The Children Charity. Please send any donations via My Ed if you have not done so already. The Reception Christmas Party will be on **TUESDAY 15th December**. The children come to school in Party clothes, ready to enjoy Party Games and Party Food. A warm coat and sensible shoes still required.

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Mrs Morris will be baking and decorating Christmas biscuits with each child next week. Please support us by sending a **£1** donation in a named envelope which will go towards future Reception projects and resources. Thank you





We have noticed at lunch time that quite a few children are struggling to cut up their food using a knife and fork. Please help your child over the Christmas break to work on this and encourage them to have a go themselves before doing it for them.