

**S t Thomas More RC Primary School -
Early Years Foundation Stage
Reception Class**



12th December 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for attending our Nativity performances this week, we hope you enjoyed listening to the story of the First Christmas.

We have just a few final notices, reminders and dates to share with you...

- Christmas Dinner and Jumper day - Friday 13th December 2019. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform on this day. £1 donation for 'Save the Children.'
- Reception Christmas Party - Monday 16th December 2019. Children are invited to wear their **party clothes** to school on this day. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate outerwear and footwear as we will be accessing the outdoor environment as usual throughout the course of the day. As you are already kindly contributing 'Snack Money' each week, we do not require any party food/drinks to be sent in for our party.
- Friday 20th December 2019 - School closes for the Christmas holidays.
- Monday 6th January 2020 - School opens for the Spring Term.
- Shelter Seeking - if your child brings home the Holy Family for Shelter Seeking, please return the bag and record book the next day.
- High Frequency Words & reading books - we have 'doubled up' on HF words and reading books, please keep practising these at home and return them after the Christmas holidays.
- **End of the school day:**
At the end of the school day, we release all Reception children using the same door as the children use in the mornings. As you are aware, we do have 40 children in the Reception class and therefore this can take us a little longer to release the children. We call the children in smaller groups to ensure all children leave school safely and calmly and also to give the Reception team time to pass on any key information to parents/carers. We appreciate your understanding and patience with this routine. We would appreciate it if parents can also share this information with the named people who have permission to collect their child.

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- Christmas Cards - we ask that if your child would like to send Christmas cards to the children in Reception, please send one to the whole class. As you are aware we have 40 children in Reception and this can total 1,600 cards for us to distribute...Thank you for your support and understanding.

If you have any queries or questions, please pop in and speak to us. We would like to wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and we look forward to another exciting year!

Many thanks for your continued support,
The Reception team