‘Shine Star Shine’

On Monday we will performing our dress rehearsal of our Nativity play for the rest of the school. And on Tuesday is our big performance for all of you…We are very excited to share with you the story of the very first Christmas.

Our performance is due to start at approximately 9.30 (Depending how long it takes us to get into our costumes!)

Please can I ask for a couple of favours during our performance; if your child is likely to get upset upon seeing you in the audience please do not sit near to the front or the aisles – everyone has performed amazingly in our rehearsals but some of us can get a little emotional if we see someone we know. Also please do not take any photographs with a flash during the performance – these can be very distracting to us. We will have plenty time after the performance for lots of photographs ☺

At the end of the performance we will stay for photographs before taking the children back to class – please do not take your child away from the class group during this time. This can also be another ‘emotional’ time (saying goodbye) so please help us ensure a as smooth as possible transition back into class.

Friday 14th December

This week we have been focussing on making sure our Christmas Nativity is the best ever! Thank you so much for your support in getting your children wonderful costumes, we are really looking forward to performing for you. This week we have also been busy in our elves workshop designing and building toys to wrap up and put into Santa’s sack. And we have written letters to Father Christmas which we took to the postbox this morning. In our maths work this week we have been using balancing scales to measure and compare christmas parcels to put onto Santa’s sleigh. Finally we have been looking at ‘Christmas Traditions’ talking about what traditions we have in our families and what traditions people have in different countries around the world. I think the most popular was finding out that in Australia Santa’s sleigh is pulled by 6 white kangaroos and they have a BBQ on Christmas day!

 Thank you From The Reception Class Team

This week we have enjoyed…

\*Being elves in the workshop

\*Building a sleigh for Santa outside

\*Retelling the Nativity story in our small world

\* Building words in the ‘snow’

This week we have been learning…

* To write a list on our letter to Father Christmas
* To use balancing scales to weigh presents
* To practise our Nativity play on the stage
* About traditions in different countries

Reading Books

Your child will have brought home another reading book tonight. These first books have no words but you can use the sheet provided to ask questions and follow the story together. Please keep this sheet in with your child’s book in their bag. They will also have a key ring of ‘tricky words’ we would like the children to read independently. Please try to practise these daily with your child – let us know when they are able to read all the words and we will add the next set.

We are now starting to send home 2 books with some children each week. One book with words and one without. All children will move onto books with words when their confidence with their keyring words increases.

Please ensure you write in your child’s diary to let us know when they have read their books and how they have been getting on with them.

Keep in touch

\*Follow us on twitter @stgregorys\_EYFS

\*You can also contact me directly by email if you have any concerns or questions:

[eyfs@st-gregorys-pri.lancs.sch.uk](NULL)

\*Send observations of your child’s learning at home by replying to the 2Simple report you have already received.

\* You can also use ClassDojo to send quick messages.

**Homework**

The children will have until **NEXT Thursday 20th December** to complete as many of the challenges as possible. Thank you for support in completing the challenges so far, your contributions are really valuable to us.

Snack

In order to be able to provide a daily snack, we ask for a donation of £1 per week, per child.

Thank you for your contributions.