Christmas Cards

I have had a few requests from parents for a class list for children to write Christmas cards. Can I ask for a favour – as it takes us such a long time to put cards into the correct bags.

Please can you get your child to sign inside each card ‘Love from\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’ inside and then leave the envelopes blank. That way we can put one in each child’s bag…just be sure to put your child’s name on the bag or box which they are sent into school in so that they don’t receive a card from themselves! There are 30 children in the class.

Thank you ☺

‘Shine Star Shine’

This week we have continued to practise songs for our Christmas Nativity. Yesterday you should have receive a letter detailing what you will need to get for a costume. Please can all costumes be sent into school by next **Wednesday 12th December.**

Friday 7th December

This week we have been thinking about the start ofAdvent. On Monday we joined the rest of the school to light the first candle on our advent wreath and reflect upon what the special time of year is all about. We have been focussing on the ‘true meaning’ of Christmas and linking this to our class nativity play and how we are preparing to celebrate Jesus’ birthday on Christmas day. This week we have also been looking at the book ‘Cops and Robbers’ as part of the Lancashire ‘We are Reading’ project. We will be sharing the work we have done with other loval Reception classes as a celebration of ‘reading for pleasure’ in schools. Next week our nativity rehearsals will go into overdrive and on Friday we are planning a dress reheasal performance for the elderly in our Parish.

 Thank you From The Reception Class Team

This week we have enjoyed…

\*Festive multi-skills with Chorley SSP

\*Retelling the story of ‘The Gruffalo’s Child’ in the snowy tray

\*Creating a map of for the ‘Cops and Robbers’ Story

\* Drawing and making Advent wreaths

This week we have been learning…

* To use exciting words to describe the ‘robbers’ and create WANTED posters
* To accurately count objects 1:1
* To practise our Nativity play on the stage
* About how Advent is a special time of year and the meaning behind the features of an Advent wreath

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 **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.