



## Russet Class Newsletter 10.12.18



### Thank you!

For providing the children with such fantastic costumes ready for our Nativity! They enjoyed wearing them last week in a dress rehearsal, and had lots of fun looking at the different costumes. We will perform on Monday morning to the rest of the school, and also on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons to family members. Please remember the gates open at 1:55, and our shows are due to start at 2:15.

No tickets are required - just come along and join us! ☺



### Just a reminder...

We are looking forward to holding our shared family toy making session on Monday morning next week. Please return the reply slip during the week so that we know how many people to expect, as this will help with our arrangements. Thank you, we hope you and the children enjoy this next shared school event.

Reminder!

### Russet Class Plea!

The children really enjoy sending letters to each other, and to family members at home, too. If you are able to collect used stamps from envelopes for the children to stick on, this would be a great way of developing this area. Also, if you are happy to donate any unwanted writing pads or envelopes, they will be well used by the children, as will surplus Christmas cards or other festive themed writing materials, for example spare gift tags. Thank you in advance if you are able to help with these supplies! We will send home a class name list for the children to practise name writing when sending their Christmas cards.



### Christmas Party

We will send home a letter this week, asking for a contribution of food towards our class Christmas party, which will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. For example, you may be asked to provide sandwiches, biscuits, cakes or sausage rolls, which are then shared out for all children to choose from. The children will need lunch as usual - but you may wish to provide a slightly smaller lunch, as we know from previous years they enjoy eating the party food in the afternoon! The children can also bring a party costume for this event, which they will change into after lunch. Any queries, just ask!



### Our Learning this Week

This week we will start lots of festive and winter themed work - we have 3 Nativity performances, which will add to the excitement of the run up to Christmas. However, we will still take part in English and maths learning, making links with the festive period where possible. In English, we will be writing letters to Father Christmas in our neatest style of handwriting. Year 1 children will be encouraged to use "because" in their sentence to give a good reason as to why they would like a particular gift. We will also be writing instruction for festive biscuits, which the children will make in class. In maths, we will continue to work on the area of number sequences, with Year R solving missing numbers in a track, and Year 1 developing their reasoning and problem solving skills linked to worded problems involving counting in 2s and 5s. We will link our number problems to Christmas, for example, there were 4 animals in the barn, each with 2 eyes. How many eyes altogether? Feel free to join in at home with worded number problems. A fun way of solving them is by drawing pictures to help explain the answers. Our worship theme this week will be centred upon Christmas, focusing on traditions and how we remember the birth of Jesus.

