



### STAR OF THE WEEK

**Darcie**

for following the rules and doing  
a super job at tidy up time

### Message from Early Years



This month is a magical time for the children. They are all very excited for Santa and his reindeers' arrival. The children enjoyed their special journey on the Polar Express this week and had lots of fun exploring the different activities. The children have been exploring arctic animals in ice, made a Christmas list, created lights using finger paints, made lots of toys in the Santa's workshop, created their own Christmas small world and made polar bears out of playdough. The children have been continuing to practise the nativity and are really excited to perform it to parents/carers.

Overleaf are the 'Characteristics of Effective Learning' animals which we use with the children daily. The characteristics of effective learning are a key element in the Early Year's Foundation Stage. They detail the ways in which children should be learning from their environment, experiences and activities. We use these animals daily with the children to ask them 'How are you Learning Today?'. You can also use these with your child at home.

From doing our sponsored cycle we have raised a huge £373.93! We would like to say a big thank you to everyone. We are looking to revamp our outdoor area and will start with the construction and stage area so we would love to hear any ideas you may have. We will put a suggestion post box from next week outside the two classrooms so if you have any suggestions of what we could do please write or draw your ideas and put them into the post box. We always value your ideas and are looking forward to changing the outdoor area for the children.

### PHONICS

This week the children have been learning new sounds w, y, z and the special friends sound th. They have all done a super job with writing the sounds. The children have also been practising building simple words with these sounds in using magnetic letters e.g. w-i-g.

### What's on next week



#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December:

- Christmas Bake Off - bring your themed creation into school £1 per entry.

#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December:

- Please come and join your child at our Christmas Craft workshop in Early Years- 9.30-10.30.

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December:

- Christmas Jumper Day – donations to Save the Children and the Christmas Fayre
- Christmas Disco and Fayre 5.00 – 8.00pm-come and join in the fun!

Please ensure your child's nativity costume is in school  
by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

