



'Spurring each other on with love'

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Dear Parents and carers,

This week, we are busy rehearsing for the nativity performance, consolidating our maths learning from this half of term, writing Christmas lists and starting to make Christmas cards. We will be looking at cards and learning the words to, love and from, to use in our own cards.

Phonics

This week we are completing phonics assessments. So far, the children have all made good progress, we are very proud of them. If your child has a ditty sheet or blending book at home, please continue to look at these at home. The children are working really hard on being able to sound out a word (Fred talk) and read the word independently. The following links are for word time sessions, working on sounding out and blending independently.

<http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vQjSLuPV/JSg5PX0t>

<http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/N25TEPkD/j5zr/fTE>

<http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/TpmlZfp4/ppRsrQFJ>

Nativity

Can costumes please be in school by Friday 12th, at the very latest. These need to be in a named bag. If you need to borrow a costume, please let us know and we will sort one out and get your child to try it on. The children are expected to attend the evening and the daytime production. If you're not watching the evening one, please drop your child at the usual gate. They will enter school through the cloakroom door, located in our paddock area. The performance last around 40 minutes. They will need to change out of their costumes before we will let them go home. Please collect them from the usual gates at about 6:45pm.

Christmas cards

Due to data protection, we are unable to give out lists of names, but if the children would like to write cards for their



friends, we will give them out at the end of each day or they can be posted in the school post box. This is situated near the office and will be available from Monday 15th December. If you do not know the exact names and spellings, please put Red Bears or Blue Bears on the envelope and to get your child to sign their name inside. We have been working on learning the words 'to, love and from' in school and writing our names correctly, so this would be great practice.

Mrs O'Toole, Mrs Vanstone, Mr Cooper, Mrs Bond, Mrs Greenslade, Miss Christian and Miss Davies

