

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an exciting week in our class with lots to tell you about. Firstly, we have started learning about Advent and talking about what it is like to wait and prepare. We have thought of different times in our lives when children can remember waiting or getting ready for something. We visited the hall for Worship and saw the special Advent wreath and talked about the candles.

We also enjoyed our exciting trip to Buxton to see The Snowman; a lovely start to the exciting Christmas activities in school! The children were such good ambassadors for the school and we were very proud of them.

We also had an unexpected event, during Worship in the hall when some very unusual parcels arrived in the post for each class. We have been asked by one of the professors at Manchester university to help with some of their research work and had to investigate some mysterious items found frozen in blocks of ice! We had great fun guessing what was inside and watching as they were slowly revealed. Can your child tell you what we eventually found and why the ice melted? How did the ice feel?



General reminders

It's one of our busiest times in school. There will be lots of dates to remember. Please check here and on the school news-letter and note them down.

- Snack money is overdue for a number of children, please catch up if you need to. Thank you.
- Nursery Nativity in church. All school parents welcome to join us. We will provide costumes. 20.12.18 at 9:30am
- Reception Nativity production takes place on 11.12.18 at 9:30am and 6pm **Children need to be back in school by 5:30pm to get ready.**
- Costumes letters came home last week and **were due in school this week.** Please send these in on Monday if you have not done so in a named carrier bag.
- EYFS Christmas party 19.12.18 We will be having a visit from a very special secret guest and you are welcome to join us to watch him visit at 11:15am the playground gate will be open to let you in at 11am. **Please arrive on time as we will not be able to leave the gate open.**

Nursery

Please learn about the First Christmas and think about why we celebrate Christmas. Thank you

Reception homework tasks

There are a number of children who have **no** work in their phonics booklets. If this is your child please address this and begin to work through the booklet. This is the weekly homework task for all Reception children and it really supports children's progress. This week please support your child to complete pages 19 and 20

Thank you.

