



Topaz News

This week

It has been a very busy week for us. We discovered an elf door in the skirting board of the classroom. We have been helping the resident elf with all sorts of things this week. There have been numbers to sort out and we even had to help him sort out some real and not real words because he couldn't read them.

We enjoyed our first Christmas lunch in school together and dressing up for the nativity has been a highlight of the week. Fingers crossed the film will be edited for the beginning of the week. It will still have elements of watching it in person rather than being like a Broadway show. The aim has to be to enjoy and celebrate rather than making the children spend every hour rehearsing.



Phonics and Reading

I know it's not just elves that are busy at this time of year but please keep up your commitment to reading 5 times a week. The children have all made amazing progress but we need to keep it going. The importance of hearing lots of stories was also raised at some training that I attended last week. When my boys were small they had stories on disc that they listened to but I'm sure that things have moved on and Amazon audible has an amazing selection of books available to supplement the reading sessions that you have together.

Please keep the purple book and school book in the book bag. I don't change them every day but I like to catch up with their reading at some time during the week on a one to one. As we will have our party plate to carry on Thursday the **last day for book bags will be Wednesday.**

Christmas shopping event run by FoAHS

You might have purchased tickets for this event. The children will be shopping with a member of staff during the week. Please send a named bag for them to bring home their secret surprises.

Christmas Party

We will have a party in our class on Thursday. They will already have their Christmas jumpers on so they will look festive for the occasion. We will play some games and have some fun together and there will be some time for them to have some party food. This could be some grapes, cheese and a few crisps perhaps. Cover the party plate and put name on the top. They will still have their lunch as usual.

I hope that you are enjoying the build up to Christmas with your family and thank you so much for your support. It really means a lot to me, especially in these very unusual times. Kind regards,

Sally Windmill

