

# Reception News: Friday 7th January 2022

Welcome back after the Christmas break! I hope that your families have all had a wonderful Christmas. It has been lovely to see many of you this week and I was thrilled to see the children return with smiles. It is very hard for children to return to school after the Christmas break after all the fun and festivities at home and even harder that the days are dark and cold. Despite this, the children have been superstars! They have remembered all their routines and have been very enthusiastic about starting our new 'Winter' topic. They have also loved catching up with their friends and chatting about their Christmas fun. What a great start to the Spring term! Well done Reception!

## Café Oswald

This half term our role play area has been transformed into a café. The children will be learning how to play the roles involved in a café experience and will develop their vocabulary through this play using words such as chef, customer, order, menu and serve.

The children are building the role play themselves with the support of adults by making posters, signs and menus as well as making choices about the items that they would like in the café (e.g. a till).

They have absolutely loved beginning to develop this area this week and it has become the most popular area in the classroom!

On behalf of myself and all the staff in EYFS, a big thank you for all your kind Christmas messages, cards and gifts. You are very thoughtful! We wish you all a happy new year and hope that 2022 is a great year for you.  
Miss Morris

- ★ A few reminders after the long break:
- ★ - Children need to bring in a healthy snack each day. We provide fruit for the afternoon and fresh water is available throughout the day at the Water Station in class.
- ★ - *Sharing* (library) books are changed on a Monday and kept until the following Monday.
- ★ - *Decodable* (phonics) books are given out on a Thursday and collected the following Monday. These are the books the children work with in their reading groups in school.
- ★ - PE days are each Monday and Friday this half term. Monday's session will be split into an indoor and outdoor session and Friday's will be a focus on gross motor skills in an outdoor based session involving our large scale play equipment.
- ★ - PE kits must be worn on each Monday and Friday. If your child has earrings, please cover these before school or take the earrings out if you can.
- ★ - Please avoid trainers and school shoes with laces as these are a distraction to children when involved in whole class learning and are also a trip hazard.