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Dear Parents

What a fabulous week! Little Red Riding Hood set a new exciting challenge for the children this week. Her basket was just too heavy to carry into the woods. The children investigated the weight of the objects in her basket predicting, weighing and comparing them to find out which were the heaviest and lightest to solve the problem.

This week the children have created a gingerbread house following on from our shared reading of the Fairy-tale 'Hansel and Gretel'. They have also designed and built a variety of woodland cottages in our

construction area and started to write their own sentences to retell the story.

In Phonics, children have started to review set 1 sounds in order to consolidate their knowledge and understanding. Please continue to support your child by completing the homework set each week.

Some of the children had fun making spiced playdough today taking care to weigh out all the ingredients. It smelt delicious and good enough to eat! We will be using the playdough next week in our malleable area.



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### Christmas dates

Christmas is coming to Reception class and we would like to make sure we are as prepared as possible for all of the events.

**Friday 2nd December at 9.15am until 11.15am – Christmas activity morning** – This is such a lovely morning! The children and you will get the chance to take part in lots of Christmas activities in the hall, have a warm drink and mince pies and get yourselves in the Christmas spirit. Please do come along!

**Monday 5th December – Magical Christmas event** – This is organised by the PTA and promises to be super magical. Please see the letter given out last week to book your child's place at this special event. Father Christmas is making a visit!

**Wednesday 7th December – Christmas lunch** for our children.

**Thursday 8th December at 9.15am- Happy Birthday Jesus! Reception performance** – Ticket letters have gone out. Please complete and return as soon as you can so that tickets can be given. The children are sounding amazing. You are in for a treat!

**Tuesday 13th December – Christmas cake sale** – donations of Christmas cakes/ buns will be really appreciated to raise money for our local charity this year – Rainbow Trust.

**Thursday 15th December – Christingle** – The whole school are walking to Wrenthorpe Methodist Church to have a special Christingle service.

**Friday 16th December- Reception Christmas party** – Children can come dressed in party wear on this day. We will be putting up a list nearer the time to contribute some party food treats.

We were sorry that you couldn't come in for Parents evening this week, however, we will hopefully be able to announce new dates for this soon.

See you next week,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars & Miss Belford

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