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Dear Parents

### Our learning this week

This week the children have focussed on learning about the story of Babushka.

Children have measured Babushka's sack of gifts for Baby Jesus using standard and non-standard measures with increasing mathematical vocabulary. Some of the children had the opportunity to wrap up the presents estimating how much wrapping paper to use for each gift. Children have thoroughly enjoyed ordering the different sized Babushka cone dolls in the maths challenge area and have even measured their own fruit, vegetables and milk at snack time.



We have had lots of fun constructing a 'shining star' out of sticks and collage materials within our outdoor learning this week so that Babushka could follow the path to Baby Jesus. Children showed excellent team work and cooperation during this activity!

Many of the children enjoyed re telling the story of Babushka within our small world, role play and reading areas using the variety of costumes, puppets and props provided. The children have also



drawn pictures of Babushka and labelled them independently using the Babushka word mats. Children have spent a considerable amount of time finger painting and using mixed media to decorate the Russian dolls and have made baked orange decorations for the School Christmas tree in between rehearsing for the Nativity 'Happy Birthday Jesus'.



### Happy Birthday Jesus!

Wow! What a performance today! We are so proud of them all for singing with such confidence on stage and hope that you enjoyed it too. Please see the montage of photos of the play attached to the weekly email.

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See you all next week,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars & Miss Belford

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