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Dear Reception Families,

The children have been very busy practicing for our Christmas show! We can't wait to share it with you this Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am. The children enjoyed their Reception disco on Wednesday afternoon and we enjoyed seeing lots of very cool dancing!

Learning

Our topic for this term is 'Fantastic Festivals'.
This week, we will be focusing on Christmas traditions

Please do share on Tapestry any photos of you and your family preparing for Christmas, if you celebrate as the children love looking at each other's photos and it promotes some great discussion. Thank you!

Our topics are highly influenced by the children's interests therefore activities may change from those planned.

Communication, Language & Literacy:

We will listen to the story of Mog's Christmas.
We will continue to practice forming the letters in our name.
We will write CVC words.
We will begin to write words and phrases.

Phonics:

Please continue to practice reading the tricky words that were sent home last week with reading books.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Follow the link above to access lots of information for how you can support your child with their phonics learning.

Maths:

We are learning to partition the numbers 4 and 5 in different ways. At home, you could give your child a selection of forks and spoons. Can they carefully count out 4 or 5? Can they find different ways to show 4 and 5? E.g. 3 spoons and 2 forks, 4 spoons and 1 fork.

We are practicing subitising numbers up to 5. Dice games and dominoes are a fantastic way to practice subitising at home.

Other Areas of Learning:

- **UW (Understanding the World)** – we will discuss and explore Christmas traditions.

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- **PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)**- we will learn to embrace differences.

- **EAD (Expressive arts and design)** – we will create lots of Christmas crafts such as a paper plate wreath and paper chain decorations.

- **PD (Physical development)**- we will dig in our sand pit, take turns on our trikes and build santa's sleigh out of large construction!

Notices/reminders:

- Please send in any library bus books that are still at home. We will next visit the library bus, in the new year.
- If you have any note books or diaries you no longer need at home, we would be very grateful for them! The children love mark making in them, thank you!
- Please find below a reminder of the snack's that the children are allowed to bring to school. The children should not bring any more than two snacks. There is no expectation for you to send your child to school with a snack, as children in Reception and Key Stage One are provided with a free piece of fruit or a vegetable every day.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Morley, Mrs Duxon and Mrs Lewis



RECEPTION SNACKS

*If your child brings a snack for break time at Saxon Primary School, please choose from the approved list: **fresh fruit or vegetables, dried fruit, plain rice cakes, breadsticks, plain crackers, plain pitta/wrap (no filling), yoghurt tube or a handful of sugar-free cereal.** Please make sure fruits, such as grapes, are sliced in half **vertically** (or ideally quartered.)*

Please avoid snacks such as fruit winders, crisps, pastries and other high sugar/salt snacks. If the children do bring something in that is not a healthy snack, we will offer a piece of school provided fruit and send the snack home with the children.

Many thanks for helping us keep snack time healthy!

