# <u>Reception Newsletter</u> <u>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018</u>

### Happy New Year

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and a welldeserved rest. Thank you for sending in your fantastic Christmas pictures. It has been so lovely going through these with the children and they have certainly loved sharing these with their friends.

#### <u>Notices</u>

## Toast Money

Can all parents please ensure that if they would like their child to have toast that they send in 25p per week for their child. This week we only received money from 4 parents. We have allowed all children to have toast this week but from next week only those children who have paid will receive toast. Your child can also bring in a healthy snack to eat if they would prefer. Thank you in advance.

## <u>Welcome Jax</u>

A big welcome to our new pupil Jax Boulton who joined our class on Tuesday. He has settled in so well and we have loved having him in class. The children have all enjoyed showing him around Lea Endowed and he has already formed some lovely friendships. Well done Jax and all of EYFS for a great start back to school.



This Week in Reception

This week we have been revising all of our phonics skills and number sense work from before Christmas. We have been thinking about our handwriting and how we can form letters correctly. The children have been doing lots of speaking and listening activities including telling their friends what their favourite present was at Christmas.

Our new theme for this term is "People who Help us". The children have started to think about people in the community that might help us. The children have been painting policeman, nurses and firemen for a new display in class. Next week we are going to be turning our role play area into a hospital and will be starting to learn about Florence Nightingale.

In Science our topic is seasons and the children will be thinking about how our country differs at this time of year to a hot country like Australia. We are going to be speaking to my friend Sonia who lives in Melbourne through FaceTime to compare the weather that she is seeing to Preston.

Our literacy focus for the rest of term is based around the book "Lost and Found". The children will first be reading this story and learning it off by heart. Over the next few weeks we will build up the story until the children can either write their own version of the story or verbally tell me their own version of the story. Next week the children will be sent home with a list of actions that they will need to learn to go along with the book. If you could practise these at home that would be fantastic.

#### <u>Homework</u>

You will find your child's homework in their book bag.

## <u>Attendance.</u>

A huge well done to year 6 who won our Attendance award last term. It is really important that children are at school every day unless they are unwell. It is also imperative that children arrive to school on time. If they arrive when register closes (9.05am) they will be marked down as absent. If you are going to arrive late, please ensure you call the office to let a member of staff know. Many thanks.

## <u>Target Cards</u>

In your child's book bag you will find their new targets for this term. These have changed from their last targets and are based around where your child is currently working at. It is really important for you to share these with your child and work on these targets at home. If you are unsure about anything or would like to talk about them then please do not hesitate to come and speak to me, Thank you

## PTA Meetings

The next PTA meeting is Monday 15th January at 3:30pm. All are welcome to come along and get involved. Our PTA work hard to provide the extras in school that add huge benefits to your children's life in school. Over the last 12 months alone they have provided a whole range of activities for our children as well as helping to raise funds for resources to enhance the children's learning. This doesn't just happen- we need to increase the number of parents to help share the responsibilities. Even if you feel you can only be involved in a small way, every little helps! We need you! We look forward to seeing you then.

## Family Quiz Night

Friday 19th January at Lea club 6pm- 10pm (Doors open 6pm) £1 entry for EVERYONE, Quiz sheets for £5, Hot dogs £1, Sweet stall/cakes, Raffle of 6 prizes. Quiz prizes, 1st Place- Board game, snacks, drinks & pizza voucher, 2nd Place - Board game, snacks & drink, 3rd Place- Board game & snacks. All welcome!

