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Dear Foundation Parents/Carers

23rd November 2018

**Weekly Newsletter**

We have had an excellent week in Julia Donaldson class. The children have been learning about 'Thanksgiving', we have enjoyed learning about the long journey people took many years ago, we have especially loved looking at the ships they would have travelled on.

In the outside area this week the children have been making beautiful headdresses with Mrs. Goddard. After learning about the Native Americans the children were keen to make headbands to resemble those we have learnt about.

During number time we have continued to look at our numbers to 10 and beyond. Some of us are starting to use skills such as estimation to guess how many dots were on the gingerbread man, we have also been comparing two gingerbread to see which one had 'more' and which had 'less'. Some children have been learning about addition with the characters from the Gingerbread Man, the children have enjoyed using number lines and whiteboards to write out their number sentences, and answering them. We are very proud of the progress the children are making.

In phonics we have started to look at digraphs and have started to use them to form new words, such as 'fish'. The children learn these sounds as 'special friends' and we have started to see these sounds used in the children's choosing time, especially when some children decided to write letters to Miss Emmett.

The children have been learning their lines and songs for our upcoming Nativity. We are enjoying learning about the story of Jesus. We look forward to sharing the story with you!

We love learning through play in Foundation but are very away of hoop earrings being caught. Please ensure your child wears studs if they wear earrings as per the school's policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you for allowing us to work and learn with you for the past five weeks. We look forward to returning January 7th to work with your children for a further six weeks. We have enjoyed watching your children progress with their learning over the five weeks we have been working with them.

Dates for the diary:

- 3rd and 4th December - Foundation Nativity 1:30-2:30 - please come and watch
- 13th December - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
- 17th December - Class trip to Pennywell Farm
- 21st December - Last day of term

We hope you all have a lovely weekend. Miss McEvansoneya and Miss Emmett.

