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Dear Foundation Parents/Carers

21st December 2018

**Weekly Newsletter**

We have had an excellent week in Julia Donaldson class. The children have such an exciting week, with festive activities, wonderful opportunities and lots of laughter! They have all worked so hard this term but we also recognise that this is due to the hard work put in by you at home, we are so grateful for your support, thank you sincerely.

The children have impressed us daily with their incredible attitude to learning but this week, they have taken it to a whole new level. The children are becoming so independent and resourceful with all areas of their learning and are even creating ways to support their friends. The children are more often than not, using their choosing time to extend what has been previously taught and are asking to be challenged, taking risks for their learning. We are thrilled with them and cannot wait to see this develop further next term.

Thank you to the parents who helped out with our Pennywell Farm trip, it was a wonderful day. The children could not believe that Santa knew about their Nativity Play and their hard work with their learning! The children really enjoyed meeting all of the animals and especially doing a performance in the barn alongside the wonderful animals.

On wednesday, the children came into school dressed in their pyjamas for our festive activities day and our school-made 'Hot Chocolate Cinema'. This was a great way to not only reward the children for their hard work this first term but to also get them in the festive spirit.

Today, we had our own Christmas Party Day, with games, snacks and lots of fun! The children learnt some new dances, learnt how to play fairly and techniques to succeed in the Christmas challenges.

**Dates for your diary:**

- 7th January- First Day back to school after the Christmas Holiday
- 7th January- Miss McEvensoneya and Miss Emmett, our PGCE trainee teachers are back with us for another 6 weeks! yay!
- 14th January- Class Trip to Plymouth Theatre Royal to watch 'The Gingerbread Man'
- 15th February- Non-pupil Day - School Closed For the children

We hope you all have a wonderful christmas filled with joy and love. Stay safe and God Bless.

Miss Palarm and Mrs Shaw

