## Foundation weekly newsletter 08/12/17

Well, what an incredible week in Julia Donaldson Class! The children have been outstanding in our Nativity, we are so proud of them all.

In literacy, the children have been exploring lots of Julia Donaldson stories following their author visit and have even started acting the stories out. Although we have had a busy festive week, the children have really enjoyed having some quiet time and having stories read to them.

In number time the children have been exploring numicon to support their knowledge around number; and have been investigating number challenges around the Number Blocks programme.

In music this week we have really been perfecting our Christmas Nativity songs and I hope that you noticed all of the hard work that was put in. The children thought of their own actions too, which we were really impressed with. The children were really good at listening to their friends' ideas and all made excellent contributions.

In phonics this week we have been reviewing the sounds g, j, and y. Children are writing their own words and sounds now and have been using their sound rhymes to help them with this. Thank you for using the green sound books at home to support with letter formation, it is really making a difference.

Thank you for all your support with the Christmas Nativity. The costumes were brilliant and your support has been wonderful, we really appreciate it. The children loved having you all as their audience - we are so grateful to you for making it special for both us and the children.

## Ways you can help your child at home:

- Please read to, and with your child every night.
- Support your child with their individual targets (which you were given at Parent Evening)

## Announcements:

- Please do email us if you have any questions or queries and we will get back to you as soon as we can hshaw@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk
  - Please can you return your child's slip with regards to the Pennywell Farm trip so that we can look at provision and requirements, thank you
  - Thursday 14th December- mufti Christmas jumper day
  - Please can your child come in either a 'onesie' or their pyjamas for our 'Onesie Wednesday' festive day on Wednesday 20th December. They deserve a special treat!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend

From the Foundation team

