



Dear Families,

Christmas has landed! We had fun in school this week – I hope the children have managed to tell you all about the adventures of our new visitors in Opal Class – *The Gingerbread Man Family*! It's certainly motivated children to start writing letters. It also sounds like *Elf mania* has also hit the homes. The children are telling us all about the adventures you're having at home. These next two weeks are going to fly by so hold onto your hats!

COSTUMES FOR CHRISTMAS HAPPENING

Families do not need to worry about buying costumes for our Christmas event (unless I have had a chat with you already). The children will be dressing up for our special evening event however I have managed to source most of the costumes in school myself. **PLEASE NOTE** children will come home with their costumes on the Thursday 8th December before the event. Please could all families

make sure that children come to school dressed in their costumes ready to sing on the evening. I have heard it is going to be COLD so by all means wrap them up and make sure they have vests/jumpers etc on underneath their costumes. Angels will NOT need wings as I am sure they will need to wear their coats.

Our BIG Christmas Happening

Thursday 8th December

Please make sure you read all emails and information sent out these next few weeks so you don't miss anything vital! **PLEASE NOTE: Thursday early pick up 2.45pm then returning to school 4-4.30pm. WE want you all to be a part of this - there will be some special surprises for everyone!**

GLASS JARS

We haven't had many glass jars into school. Please would families mind sending in the glass jars so we can get these started!

Activity of the week to try at home!



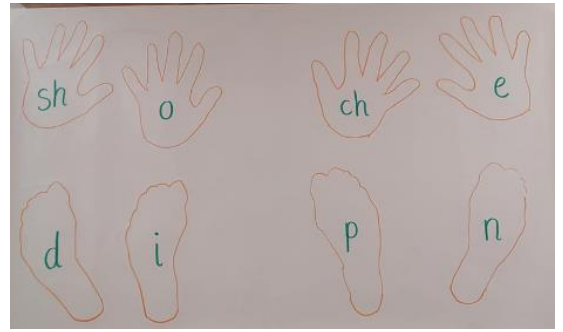
Chalk letters on the fence

Simple but fun – I know some of our children would love this! Just chalk on letter sounds and let the children wash them away while they say the sound.

Phonics dance mat

Another great idea 'Phonics dance mat' simple but fun. This is for the dancers of the class. Say a simple word for example ch-i-n and invite the children to either slap or stamp the sound to make the word. I think I will try this one in school.

Have fun and let me know if you give these a go!



Common Exception words: *the I to love*

We are adding the word 'love' to the list because we are writing cards and letters in class.

New Read Write Inc sounds to learn this week: **th sh ch**

RWInc sounds learnt: **m a s d t l p n g o c k u b h l f r j v w q u y z x**

We have **completed** all the 'single' set one sounds! Now we are learning 'special friends sh, ch, th, ng, nk'. Once we have done these letter sounds we will begin Set 2 sounds. Children are beginning to take home sound blending books to read with you at home. Please let them share these with you at home. Don't forget to record this on BOOM READER. This can be as simple as –“Heard H read” or “Used sounds fluently and quickly to read easily”.

The books look a little like this:



Please support your children with this at home as much as you can. The more you do at home, the more confident they will be in school.

Please follow both these links to watch at home for both letters sound reading lessons:

sh <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/gY32MUtz/q0dWeOLO>

th <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/I9ZdQ9WA/2GGOQihX>

ch <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9BQbOweL/dla7BcUa>



Red Book Bags

Please can all children bring their book bags into school every day. Now we are sending the RWinc books home it is vital all children have these to transport these backwards and forwards to and from school safely. School has invested a lot of money sourcing these books to match the learning happening in school specifically for RWInc so we appreciate your co-operation with this. **RWI books must be looked after to avoid a charge to replace missing or damaged books Thank you!**

Children In Need

Thank you so much to families who brought in money for Children in Need! Everything is much appreciated!

Our next mission is to collect for the Homeless.

Best Wishes Everyone

Miss Viv Horne Opal Class



**Help
the Homeless
this Christmas**

Let's make a **change** and support families this Christmas. Please help us collect the following items to support families within the Pool, Camborne and Redruth areas.



**Every class to collect items by 9th
December please!**

Any food items you give are much appreciated however the following products are of particular need at the present time also:

socks /hand warmers

toilet paper

soap/hair products

toothpaste/tooth brushes



Thank you for your support!