

17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Badger Room:** This week the Badgers have been continuing their castle and traditional tale themes by listening to the story of Rapunzel. There was some fantastic teamwork at the start of the week when a group of children

worked together to change our role-play castle into Rapunzel's tower. They worked hard to balance the boxes on top of each other, to cut correct lengths of tape for keeping them upright and to make



paper-chain links for her long hair to flow from the top to the bottom. It was fantastic to see such collaboration and sharing of great ideas. The children have also drawn story maps and written the sounds they could hear in key words and phrases of the tale. In maths, we have been learning to recognise all coins to 10p and have used this learning to solve variety of practical problems involving small amounts of money.

Next week we are going to be learning about families. If possible, could you please supply a photograph of some, or all, of your family members for your children to share with the class?

**Hedgehog Room:** Hedgehogs have been enjoying our unusual theme this week, arising from the children's interests last week: hairdressing! All of the children, without exception, have enjoyed the new hairdressing themed role-play props. We have been busy thinking about the kinds of sounds we hear at the hairdressers, and having some very interesting conversations whilst waiting for our turn for a 'hair cut'. The focus on listening to sounds this



week has also continued into our new favourite game...sound bingo! We had a visit to the school's new library on Wednesday, adding some wonderful new books

to our favourites. I hope that you have all enjoyed reading the free books sent home this week from the Bookstart charity, who kindly donated Duplo packs for our 2 year olds to take home as well. Please let us know what masterpieces you created at home! Finally, we enjoyed preparing for Children in Need day today, making some sparkly bear ears and painting fingerprint spots, as well as decorating some delicious biscuits.

**DREAM ○ BELIEVE ○ ACHIEVE**

**IMPORTANT:** Badger Class are due to have 'flu vaccinations on 5 December. Please can parents return the consent forms, even if it is a no, we need to know for our records. The forms must be returned to Mrs Williams in the school office no later than Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Vacancy:** We are looking for a school cleaner. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the school office.

**Trip to Salcey Forest:** We are still outstanding some consent forms and payment. **If we could have payment no later than Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November please?** If you have paid online, but not handed in a consent form can you do this as soon as possible please?

### Morning Timings:

8:20am – the main gate will open in case you need to see Mrs Williams in the office.

8:30am – the side gate will be opened to allow children and parents into the playground area.

8:40am – classroom doors will be opened for school to start.

8:50am – the side gate will be closed for safety reasons.

Please try not to be late as the morning routine which begins promptly at 8:40am is so important to making sure there is a positive start to the day.

### Key Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – whole school outing to Salcey Forest, payment by 22<sup>nd</sup> November please

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 100 Days Open party (please let the office know if you wish to attend)**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – 'Flu vaccinations for Badger Class only

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas concert (2pm and 6pm)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - early finish at 1:30pm**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – pupils return to school

Have a lovely weekend!

*Julie Hiddleston and the school team*

