

This week in Reception we have two new members, Daisy and Woody. They are our elves who are watching over us and making sure we are doing the right thing. We named our elves by putting sugges-

tions in a bucket and picking two out. Every now and again the teachers (and children) remind Reception children that Daisy and Woody are watching. The children have found it very funny hearing about what your Naughty Elves have been getting up to.



Children have been spotting gold "treasure" coins around our classroom some have real words on them and some have nonsense words on them. Children have to sound out the words and

blend them together to decide if they go in the treasure chest (for real words) or the bin (for nonsense words). We are very pleased with the children, applying their phonics

knowledge in both their reading and writing. This was shown in the children's letters to Father Christmas that they have wrote this week and posted in the post box on Prescot Road to be sent to the North Pole.



On Wednesday we had our dress rehearsal for our nativity play. The whole school came to watch. The children were fantastic and received a lot of praise. We hope you enjoy it. Thank you for helping your child learn their lines.

Mr Goodhall from MGL was full of praise for the progress the children are making during ICT. This week children were taking part in a mixture of activities including building their speed using a keyboard and making a book using the "Book Creator" app on the iPad. Children enjoyed taking pictures of their favourite things in school and will develop this by adding text.

A big thank you for sending in "Special Times" photographs. We have them displayed in our classroom, children are enjoying talking about them and seeing them displayed.

In class we have a Christmas Book Advent. Each day a child gets to choose a wrapped up story book from the Christmas Book Advent Box, unwraps it and we read it. It is a lovely way to end the school day.

Just a reminder that *Imagine That* reply slips are due in Monday. Please see a member of the Reception team if you need a letter.

The Early Years Team