

**Year One**  
**Beech and Oak**  
**6th December 2013**

### Christmas Play

Rehearsals are going really well for our play. Lots of the children have brought in their costumes. If you are having problems finding a costume please let us know so we have got time to sort something out.

### Sound of the Week

Look out for Super Sentence Man in your child's sound of the week book this week. He reminds us of the skills we need to remember to write a super sentence! See if your child can write a super sentence in their sound of the week books about Christmas!

**Dear Parents,**

We had a very exciting week learning about celebrations this week! We had a visit from Max's mummy and Ellie-Noa's mummy who told us all about how they celebrate Hanukkah! They brought some tasty doughnuts and fun dreidels to play with. We also enjoyed a visit from Mrs Katmeh who taught us all about Eid! She brought some special things with her and we asked her questions about Eid. Finally we learnt about advent and its importance as it helps us prepare for Christmas.

**Emily and Hannah :)**

### Maths Focus

This week we have been thinking about the concept of 'half'. We learnt how to find half of a number of objects (e.g. a group of children) and how to halve an object (i.e. a piece of paper or a doughnut!) by colouring it in, folding it in half or cutting it in half. **Try cutting a piece of toast in half to share. Are both pieces the same size? Try sharing a pile of 20 raisins. How do you know each pile is exactly half?**