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Dear Family

Thank you for all your get well wishes. Hopefully I will be back soon. Thank you to the Parents of the 'Strawberries' group who attended their parental consultations yesterday. Mrs Ladd was very pleased to see you.

The children had their photographs taken on Wednesday and they were all superstars. Well done!

The children have had a lovely week celebrating 'Anti-Bullying' week and exploring the colour 'Purple'.



**Anti-Bullying Week:** This week we have been celebrating 'Anti-Bullying Week'. The theme this year is 'All Different, All Equal' In School we have been looking at ways to show kindness to others. We have been listening to stories and making masks. Thank you for supporting 'Anti-Bullying' week by encouraging your child to wear odd socks today.



**Topic: Colours:** Thank you for sending purple objects to use with our song 'What is...?'. The children have enjoyed creating lovely purple pictures and practising colour mixing with different shades of red and blue to make purple butterfly prints.

**Pink Week** Next week will be 'pink' week and children are welcome to bring something pink.



**RE:** We have continued learning through our 'welcome' topic. We have also been talking about being good friends through our 'Anti-bullying' week.



**Weekly Liturgy:** Today children from Reception came to the nursery to join us for our weekly shared Liturgy. We shared the Lantern of the week diaries with all the children and it was lovely to see their faces as we read their news.



**Literacy:** We have listened to more stories on Bug Club and the children have enjoyed discussing them. Please remember to use Bug Club at home. The children have also been practising tracing, copying and/or writing their name.

**Maths:** The children counted toys into two groups, counted each group and then counted them all to see how many they had altogether. We have used the words 'addition', 'add', 'altogether', and 'plus'. This is good practise for when your child goes to Reception and it is easy to play at home.



**Physical:** We have been developing the children's fine motor skills by encouraging them to hold their pencil correctly while tracing, copying and /or writing their name on their work. Please continue to do this at home with their name cards. Thank you.



**Lanterns of the week:** This week's 'Lanterns of the Week' in our morning session are Eiran and Enoch. 'Lanterns of the Week' in our afternoon session are Anastazia and Bartosz. Well done to all of them for trying hard in their activities, being a kind friend and for helping in the nursery this week



**Birthdays:** Congratulations to Amani who will be celebrating her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday. Have a lovely day.



**Library Books:** Please remember to return your child's school library book in their book bag on Thursday. Thank you.



**Show and Tell:** Some children like to bring toys from home to show us. As we don't want them to get forgotten, lost or broken we have now introduced a 'Show and Tell' time. If your child would like to bring in a toy on a Thursday to show to the children and talk about it, please can you ensure their name is on it and we shall have a box for them to put it in. This activity can improve your child's confidence and speaking skills. Please can you discourage your child from bringing in toys on the other days. Thank you.



**Nursery Nativity:** The Nursery Nativity will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am for morning children and 2.30pm for the afternoon children. The children come to Nursery at the usual time, but they are allowed to go home with you once it is finished and they are changed.



**Christmas Bazaar:** Our Christmas Bazaar is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in St Bede's Church Hall.

The Nursery will have our own stall where we will be selling soft toys. If you have any soft toys that are in very good condition that you no longer want, please could you wash them and donate them for our stall, If there are any parents who would be willing to help wrap the soft toys please let me know. We will supply the wrapping film and ribbon. If there are any parents who are able to help on the stall for an hour or two, we would be very grateful. Thank you again in advance for your support. The Parents Association are working very hard to make the event a success.

#### **Reminders:**



**Clothes:** Please can you put your child's name in their coats, hats, scarves, wellies and gloves. If your child wears wellies or boots to school can you bring in their trainers to wear inside. **Please return any nursery clothes as soon as possible.**

#### **Some dates for your diary:**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December- PA Christmas Bazaar- Church Hall.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December- Nursery Nativity

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December- End of Term for Nursery children.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C Coughlan, Mrs Ladd, Mrs Sleigh, Mrs Spinks.