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Dear Family




**RE:** We are continuing our R.E topic 'Celebrating' by listening to Bible stories. This week I read the story which was about John baptising Jesus. The children enjoyed listening to it.

**Topic: Winter-**  This week we have continued exploring our topic of 'winter'. We have watched a video about the birds in winter and the children have made some bird cake which we have put in our feeders in the garden. It is very easy to make- all you need to do is melt some lard in a bowl, mix in some bird seed, then roll it in some cling film or a small plastic bag and leave it to set in the fridge. The children have also made some chocolate krispie snowballs which they brought home today.



**Literacy:** We have read several winter stories this week at story-time which the children have enjoyed. We have read 'Guess How Much I Love You in the Winter' this week and we have changed the display. We have been playing games which involve rhyming words. We used puzzles and we sang a rhyme called 'silly soup'. Please see if your child would like to sing this with you at home using simple rhyming words. You can sing the song to the same tune as 'pop goes the weasel' and play with different rhyming words. .the children seemed to really enjoy it! We used a real saucepan and toy objects!!

We are making silly soup,  
We're making soup that's silly,  
We're going to cook it in the fridge,  
To make it nice and chilly,  
In goes... a dog...and a log...

**Maths:**  We watched a video on Espresso about simple symmetry and the children painted a snowman and then folded the paper in half to reveal two identical snowmen.



**Physical:** We went to the hall this week and had a movement session where we danced to the 'Penguin Bop' from 'Boogie Beebies'. The children loved it.



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



**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.

**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:**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February- Staff Inset- Nursery and School closed.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February- Half-Term- Nursery and School closed.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February- Children return to Nursery and School.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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