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Dear Family

Next week is half-term, so Nursery will be closed. We have sent home a sheet for you to complete with your child about things you have done during the holiday. It would be lovely if your child could colour in the pictures as well. Please write their name at the top of the sheet.

Thank you in advance for your support!



RE: **October: Month of Mary**

..... During our Prayer time we have been saying a simple version of the Rosary. Your child will have brought home their Rosary today as when we return after the holiday it will be November on Wednesday. We will be celebrating Our Lady again during the month of May when we will invite the children to bring their Rosary in again. Thank you.



Baptism

After our half-term holiday the children will be learning about themselves being welcomed into the world, into School and into the Church. If your child has been baptised we would welcome a picture of their baptism celebration. Please label photographs with your child's name on the back. We will be setting up a baby clinic role play area in the home corner to enhance this topic.



Weekly Liturgy:

After half-term children from Reception will be coming to the nursery to join us for a weekly shared Liturgy on Fridays. This is when we say prayers, sing hymns and listen to stories from the Bible together. Children will also be chosen to be 'Lantern of the week'. Two children from each session who have tried their best will be awarded the class 'Lantern of the week'. They will get a special certificate and will also bring home a bag with a teddy and a diary in. They can write and draw about their week of being a star and where they took their teddy. You can include photos too! The following Thursday they bring the bag back with the teddy. They will share their Lantern of the week diary with the other children at the Liturgy on Friday.



Topic: Colours:

This week we have continued our colour topic and the children have been busy exploring the colour **green** through many creative activities. Thank you very much for sending in green objects. We have been singing the song 'What is green.....'

Colour Weeks. Next week is half term, so when we come back we will be investigating the colour **orange**. Your child is welcome to bring in something orange from home to share on our colour table!



Physical:

The children have enjoyed playing on the large equipment in the garden, when the weather has permitted. Some children have chosen to practise their cutting skills at the drawing table. Using scissors is a very good physical skill to learn, so please encourage your child to use child scissors at home with your supervision. Thank you.



Understanding of the World: Autumn

Next term we will be looking for the signs of autumn. If you go the park during the holiday we would love to have some leaves, conkers, acorns so that we can use them for our display in the mud kitchen and in the autumn den.



Literacy:

We have been looking at stories on 'Bug Club' this week and encouraging the children to talk about what they see and hear. Please look at these stories at home as the children love it. If you have problems accessing 'Bug Club' or 'Fronter' please see me.



Maths:

We have continued singing various number rhymes and completing number and shape puzzles. We have also watched and joined in with the 'Number Crew' on the 'Education City' website.



Birthdays:

Congratulations to Abbie and Dylan who celebrate their 4th birthday next week.



Library Books:

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

Busy Books:

All of the children have been given a 'Busy Book'. This book is a record of their learning and it will follow your child's interests and progress throughout the year. You will have an opportunity to look at it at your parental consultation after half term.



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 are introducing 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.



Love in a Box

This year we are participating in the 'Love in a Box' campaign again. You have received a leaflet today explaining about the charity. The boxes are given to those children in our world who do not have the quality of life that we are fortunate to enjoy. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Completed boxes can be returned to school after half term. **Please remember to include a minimum donation of £5.00 towards transportation costs.**

Reminders:



Clothes:

There are several children who have not had their names put in their uniform and coats. Please can you put your child's name in their uniform, coats, hats, scarves and gloves because we have difficulty sometimes giving your child their correct coat, especially if they can't remember which one they have worn that day. If your child wears wellies or boots to school can you bring in their trainers to wear indoors. Please can you put their name in their wellies or boots as well. Please return any nursery clothes as soon as possible.

Some dates for your diary:

Thursday 19th October Nursery break up for half-term.

Friday 20th October Nursery closed-Staff Training Day

Monday 30th October Return to school.

Thursday 2nd November PA AGM at 6.30 pm

Thursdays 9th and 16th November Nursery and Reception Parental Consultations

We hope you all have a lovely half-term.

Mrs C Coughlan, Mrs Ladd, Mrs Gaughan, Mrs Spinks.