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Dear Family

Welcome back after the half-term break. The children have settled back very well into the nursery routine. Thank you for returning the sheet we sent home for you to complete with your child about things you did during the holiday. It was lovely for the children to share their adventures!



RE: Our new RE topic is 'Welcome' and we have been talking about the different ways we are made to feel welcomed, such as when we started Nursery, visiting a friend's house, celebrating events with families etc. We will also be talking about Baptism. If your child would like to bring in their baptism photos or photos of when they have been made to feel 'welcomed' we will continue to share them together next week.



Weekly Liturgy: Today children from Reception came to the nursery to join us for a weekly shared Liturgy. This is where we say prayers, sing hymns and listen to stories from the Bible. Children will also be chosen for 'Lantern of the week'. Two children from each session will be awarded the class 'Lanterns of the week'. They will get a certificate for the week that they are the 'Lantern'. They will also be given a bag with a teddy and a diary to take home for the week. They can write and draw about their week of being a star and where they took the teddy. You could include photos too! The following Thursday they bring back the bag with the teddy. They will share their Lantern of the week diary entry with the other children at the following liturgy.



Lanterns of the week: This week's 'Lanterns of the Week' in our morning session are Ellerae and Edward. 'Lanterns of the Week' in our afternoon session are Amani and Yusuf. Well done to all of them for trying hard in their activities, being a kind friend and for helping in the nursery this week



Topic: Colours: This week we have continued our colour topic and the children have been busy exploring the colour **orange** through many creative activities. They have squeezed fresh oranges to make juice and have made various creative pictures. Thank you very much for sending in orange objects to share in circle time when we have been singing the song 'what is orange'

Colour Weeks. Next week we will be exploring the colour **brown**. Your child is welcome to bring in something brown from home to share on our colour table!



Autumn: We have begun to talk about autumn this week. We went on an autumn walk around the school. The children loved collecting and playing amongst the leaves. We have turned our house in the garden into an autumn den. The children have loved going inside to stomp in the leaves and look at everything around them. When you come to collect your child you are welcome to have a look inside.



Literacy: We played a game with some of our name cards this week to help them to recognise their and their friend's name. They loved trying to guess whose name was hiding in the blanket!

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Maths: As we have been talking about autumn and the children have been playing with our autumn display and in the den, we have been asking the children to find conkers and give us 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.



Physical: The children have loved stomping around in the leaves this week and playing on the large apparatus.



Library Books: Please remember to return your child's school library book and the small yellow 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 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.



Parental Consultations: Mrs Ladd and I are looking forward to seeing you either this Thursday or the following Thursday for your child's parental consultation.



Love in a Box This year we are participating in the 'Love in a Box' campaign again. You received a leaflet last term 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 next week. Please remember to include a minimum donation of £5.00 towards transportation costs. We are completing a Nursery box as well, so if anyone would like to donate a small gift to include in the box, we would be very grateful.



Christmas Bazaar: Our Christmas Bazaar is on Sunday 3rd 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 to us as soon as possible. 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. Thank you again in advance for your support. The Parents Association are working very hard to make the event a success.

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:

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

Friday 10th November- Non-uniform day.

Sunday 3rd December – School Bazaar.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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