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Dear Family,

Welcome back to Nursery and a very Happy New Year to you all! Thank you again for your kind Christmas wishes, presents and cards, we appreciated them very much. The children have settled back well and were very excited to tell us their holiday news and most importantly that Father Christmas had been to visit! They have drawn and painted some lovely pictures of their favourite presents.

School Admissions:  Please remember that applications for Reception next year must be completed by Tuesday 15th January 2019.

Topics for this term: Our topics for this half term are 'Winter and The Arctic', Fairytales and 'Chinese New Year'. After half term we will be exploring 'Space and Aliens', 'Spring' and 'Easter'.



Topic: Winter- We have begun to think about winter this week. If anyone has any snowy photos, pictures, or story books about winter we would appreciate borrowing them for the next few weeks. We have watched a video clip about winter and the children have discussed what it is like during winter. We have set up an arctic role play area indoors where they can explore and find different animals and we have set up a 'Frozen' den where they can play with the characters and make up stories. We shall begin cooking next week with the children choosing to make either a 'polar bear' or an 'arctic fox' cookie.



RE: On Monday we began our new R.E topic 'Celebrating' by talking about the feast of the Epiphany when the 3 Kings arrived from their long journey to visit baby Jesus. The children have drawn lovely pictures of the 3 Kings.



Literacy: This week the children have been talking about their paintings and some of them have been trying to sound out and write some words. When helping your child to write please ensure you show them how to hold the pencil correctly and teach them to use the lower case letters except for the initial letter of their name. Thank you.

Maths:  The children have been playing with number puzzles and winter themed work cards in the maths area.



Physical: The children have been practising holding their paintbrush and pencil correctly while painting and writing.
Please could all children wear trainers (with Velcro fastening) to Nursery, due to safety concerns during our physical activities. Many thanks for your support.

PSHE:  We enjoyed our session with 'Jenie' this week as part of our School's PSHE curriculum, 'Jigsaw'. We listened to the chime bar ring to see how long the ring lasted as an introduction to the session. We have started a new topic called 'Dreams and Goals'. So, firstly, I told them a dream I had had and then the children passed round 'Jenie' and told her about a dream they had had. We also had a conversation about whether dreams come true!



Lanterns of the week: We have not chosen any children this week because we will be having our Liturgy with the Reception children on a Monday this term. We will be choosing some children on Monday as our new Lanterns. They will be able to keep the Lantern teddy until the following Monday.



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:

We are now collecting this term's £5.00 donation towards cooking with the children. Thank you to those parents who have already given it to us.



Clothes: Please can you ensure your child's name is in their uniform, coats, hats, scarves and gloves. 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. Can you please ensure that those children with long hair have it tied up. Please return any nursery clothes as soon as possible.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Coughlan, Mrs Ladd, Mrs Sleight, Mrs Conneely.