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Dear Family

The children had their photographs taken today 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 'Choose Respect'. In School we have been looking at ways to show kindness to others. We have been listening to stories and painting 'odd socks'. Thank you for supporting 'Anti-Bullying' week by encouraging your child to wear odd socks yesterday.



Topic: Colours: Thank you for sending purple objects to use with our song 'What is purple?' 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 looked at different faiths this week by learning about Judaism and Hanukkah.



Nursery Nativity: The Nursery Nativity will be on Wednesday 12th December at 11.00am for morning children and 2.30pm for the afternoon children.



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 'acorns' 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. We have also been talking about shapes and the children have made some Mr Men shapes for our maths display.



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



PSHE: We enjoyed another session with 'Jenie' this week as part of our new 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. Mrs Ladd, Mrs Studman and Mrs Sleight began the session by asking the children to see what differences there is between them. Then the children looked at the differences between each other. There was lots of comparisons and good language from them.



Lanterns of the week: This week's 'Lanterns of the Week' in our morning session are Tiara and Maximos. 'Lanterns of the Week' in our afternoon session are Hiya and Ian. 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 Marcel, Adana and Ian who celebrated their 4th birthday this week and to Alex who is celebrating his 4th 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 Friday 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: Thank you to those parents who have sent in a Samaritan box for underprivileged children. If you would still like to donate a box please can you send it in as soon as possible. Please remember to include a minimum donation of £5.00 towards transportation costs. Thank you.



School Website: Fronter and Bug Club: You will have received both passwords now but if you still have difficulty logging in, please see me. I am writing a little blog each week for you to read.



Christmas Bazaar: Our Christmas Bazaar is on Sunday 2nd 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 can 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 also. Can you please ensure that those children with long hair have it tied up Please return any nursery clothes as soon as possible.

Some dates for your diary:

Sunday 2nd December- PA Christmas Bazaar- Church Hall.

Wednesday 12th December-Nursery Nativity 11.00/2.30

Thursday 20th December- End of Term for Nursery children.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C Coughlan, Mrs Ladd, Mrs Sleight, Mrs Conneely