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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!



Parental Consultations It was lovely to be able to talk to you about your child's progression during our first parental consultation evening. They have changed so much even in such a short time and have settled into the Nursery so well. It is a pleasure to be teaching them. Thank you for being so supportive. We look forward to meeting the other parents who have their parental consultation after half-term on Thursday 1st November.



RE: **October: Month of Mary**



..... During our Prayer time we have been saying a simple version of the Rosary.



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 to bring home.



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 to 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.



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' please see me.

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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.



Black History Month: This week we have made some bunting which is to be displayed in the school. We have watched a power point of the life of Walter Tull. He was a British footballer and he was the first black officer to lead white British soldiers in battle.

PSHCE

PSHCE: We enjoyed another session with 'Jenie' this week as part of our new School's PSHCE curriculum, 'Jigsaw'. We listened to the chime bar ring to see how long the ring lasted. This week's scenario showed 'Jenie' being unkind and hitting her friend. They all knew that it is unkind to hit anybody and that 'Jenie' had not done the right thing. We also listened to the story 'Hands Are Not For Hitting' on the whiteboard.



Birthdays: Congratulations to Arham who celebrated his 4th birthday this 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 be able to see it at your parental consultation.



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 £3.00 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 18th October Nursery break up for half-term 12.30/3.30.

Friday 19th October Nursery closed-Staff Training Day

Half term holiday Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October 2018

Monday 29th October Return to school.

Thursday 1st November Parental Consultations

We hope you all have a lovely half-term,

Mrs C Coughlan, Mrs Ladd, Mrs Sleigh and Mrs Conneeley