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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!



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.



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 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



Lanterns of the week: This week's 'Lanterns of the Week' in our morning session are Maya and Kirat. 'Lanterns of the Week' in our afternoon session are Chisom and Ava. 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 have watched a video about the season of Autumn on 'Espresso'. The children have enjoyed playing with the woodland animals amidst the leaves and twigs.



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



Maths: As we have been talking about autumn this week, the children have played a game using numbers on leaf cards. We hid them under a blanket and the children guessed which one had been taken away each time. Please try to play simple games like this at home as it is a fun way to learn to recognise numbers. Once your child can recognise numbers 0-10, you can play this game using higher numbers.



Physical: The children have loved playing on the large apparatus. They have been practising writing their names so we have been supporting them to use the correct pencil grip.



PSHCE: 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. This week we talked about everyone having the right to be happy and have fun. Everyone should be included in our games and activities. How would they feel if they were not included?



Birthdays: Congratulations to Emmanuel who celebrated his 4th birthday this week.



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.



School Website: Fronter and Bug Club: We forgot to include the school code for 'Bug Club' when we put your child's password in their yellow book. Sorry. The Bug Club school code is 'prk'. If you still have difficulty logging in, please see me. We have given out 'Fronter' passwords today. Please read our Blog which will tell you a little more about some of our week.



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 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 This year we are participating in the 'Love in a Box' campaign again. You have received a leaflet 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 must be returned to school as soon as possible. Please remember to include a minimum donation of £5.00 towards transportation costs. Thank you



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 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`

Some dates for your diary:

Sunday 2nd December -Christmas Bazaar

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs C Coughlan, Mrs Ladd, Mrs Sleight, Mrs Conneeley.