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Dear Family



RE: Nursery Nativity: We have introduced our new topic-'Birthdays' and have spoken about how we celebrate them. The children have also started to learn the songs for our Nativity. The performances will be on Wednesday 12th December at 11.00am for morning children and 2.30pm for the afternoon children. The children come to Nursery at the usual time.



Christmas: Next week the children will make Advent calendars to bring home. We will ask them to colour in each number in turn before they go to bed as a countdown to Christmas starting from next Saturday 1st December. We will make one for the Nursery which we will also colour in.



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.



Topic: Colours: **Pink Week:** We have had a busy week in the Nursery, investigating the colour pink. They iced biscuits with pink icing and then decorated them with pink sprinkles, practising drawing round a template to make a pig and drawing and colouring pink pictures.

Black, White and Grey Week: Next week we have decided to finish our colour weeks by introducing the colours, 'Black, White and Grey'. The children are welcome to bring something in these colours for our colour box.



Literacy: We have been practising writing our names and we played a rhyming game during circle time. Please can you practise finding objects which rhyme, as some of the children are finding this task very difficult. Thank you.



Maths: **Mr Men:** This week we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We made a display for the maths area using some of the different shaped Mr Men characters. Please can you look for squares, circles and triangles at home.



Physical: The children have been practising their fine motor skills by drawing round a template and cutting it out to make their pink pigs.



PSHE: We enjoyed another 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. Then the children passed round 'Jenie' and told her something they thought they were good at. We talked about not everyone being good at the same thing and that that is ok so long as we always try our best.



Internet Safety This week we have watched a clip on Espresso and talked about being careful when using computers, phones and tablets. We reminded them that they should only play on these when Mummy or Daddy is with them.



Lanterns of the week: This week's 'Lanterns of the Week' in our morning session are Adana and Helen. 'Lanterns of the Week' in our afternoon session are Cristiano and Jack. Well done to all of them for trying hard in their activities, being a kind friend and for helping in the nursery this week. From today we are sending home a 'Lantern of the Week' worksheet along with Teddy for you to fill in with pictures and writing about your child's adventure with 'Teddy'. We will then stick it in your child's busy book as a memory for you.



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

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 25th November- International Mass- 11.00am at St Bede's Church.

Friday 30th November- Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a donation to the PA Christmas bazaar.

Sunday 2nd December- PA Christmas Bazaar- Church Hall, 12.00

Wednesday 12th December- Nursery Nativity

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

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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