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Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to another busy term. We hope you had a wonderful half term break and are now ready to count down to Christmas! This term our topic is all about celebrating. We will provide the children with a very exciting curriculum based around this theme. Please see the topic web for more information about the activities we plan to do. We will continue to use 'Tapestry' to share with you our wonderful learning opportunities and the progress your children are making.

We will be encouraging the children to hold their pencils/writing tools, using a 3 finger, tripod grip. We will support the children to develop a good pencil grip and to gain strength in their fingers to be able to apply enough pressure when using this grip to carry out mark making activities. They will take part in dough disco and a 'squiggle whilst you wiggle' programme to develop early writing skills. It is important that our youngest children are physical as this has a direct impact on their ability to write. They need to be climbing and pulling themselves up to develop core skills. Regular trips to your local park will have a positive impact and really help.

For our phonic work we continue to revisit our nursery rhymes. We read lots of wonderful rhyming books where the children can identify rhyme and join in with the rhyme. We clap syllables in our names, identifying the parts of a word. The children are listening and identifying sounds in the environment and leading into identifying initial sounds in words, their names. This prepares the children for formal phonic work where they identify letters and sounds.

We will be letting the children take a library book home every week from our class collection. We have some wonderful books and always promote the love of reading in nursery. We would like to extend this by sending books home for children to enjoy with their families. Everyone loves that special time, curled up on an autumn day reading books together. We will send the first books out next week. We will change them on a Monday.

We will be taking the children out to explore the school grounds on a regular basis. As it turns colder please ensure the children have a warm coat and hats/gloves in school at all

times. We are outside for a significant amount of time so it is important that the children are warm and dry.

Christmas is coming... we will be busy this term learning our songs for our Christmas Nativity show. Apologies in advance when the children start singing Christmas songs at home in the next couple of weeks! We will send letters to inform you what character your child will be in the nativity and the costume you will be asked to provide. We are thrilled to be able to offer each family two tickets for the performance. There may possibly be extra tickets that families can request. Our youngest children who have just joined us following their 3rd birthdays will not be taking part in the nativity this year as this is something we do with the children in their pre-school year.

Thank you to those of you who have sent in family photos. The children love looking at these on the wall and so if you haven't sent yours in yet, it isn't too late so please do.

Please ensure you read the school Newsletter each week as we always have a section specifically for Nursery and it also informs you of any important information or dates you may need to know.

Parent Pay is now set up for all children. We ask for a voluntary one off contribution of £5 which covers the year to help us to provide special snack for the children. This may be linked to themes/topics, festivals or an activity that supports the children developmentally, for example, spreading butter, making sandwiches. It also provides the opportunity to try new food that children may be more reluctant to try at home.

On Friday 15th November 2023 we will be taking part in 'Children in Need'. This will be a 'dress down' day. The children can wear spotty clothes, their home clothes or any the Children in Need merchandise. More information will be available on the school newsletter.

Do not forget to apply for your School places for September 2025 by 15th January 2025. You still need to apply for a place even though you are attending our school nursery. You can find the link to admissions for your application on our school website.

The last day of term is Friday 20th December. We will be closing at 1.30pm on this day so our 30 hour children will need to be collected earlier. We hope that this doesn't cause any inconvenience.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks

Mrs D.Wright and the Nursery team