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Dear Parent/Carer,

The children have returned after the half term break in a very settled and happy manner which has been lovely to see.

Unfortunately over the holidays we have heard of several illnesses which have lingered on for children and are still sadly continuing into this half term too. We hope that the bugs leave everyone alone soon and the children can go on and enjoy this half term feeling strong and well. Can we politely remind everybody that school asks for a 48 hr absence after vomiting. Thank you.

The topic and focus for this half term is 'Celebrations' and we will talk about how some people celebrate certain festivals and celebrations and others may not. This may be simply choice or for religious reasons and we will touch on this only gently. The children have shared their news from their Halloween 'Trick or treating' experiences which were lovely circle times and if someone hadn't been part of the celebrations they shared news from their half term holiday. We will be going on to talk about Fireworks and their experiences from Bonfire Night and then going on to talk about other celebrations such as birthdays, christenings, Divali and then the exciting one they will be very happy to think about - Christmas! Alongside the fun traditions we will also be focusing on the real celebration of Jesus' Birthday and the story of this.

Shortly we will be offering parent consultations for parents of our new starters when we will talk with you about how your child has settled generally into Nursery life and also look at some of their strengths and any possible little steps to focus on for development. Notices to sign up for these appointments will go up shortly.

The children are enjoying singing and moving along to the Jolly Phonics alphabet sounds with their actions now. This is a way of learning the sounds correctly and repeating learning in a fun way. You are able to see these at home if you google 'Jolly Phonics Phase 2'. There are some new ways of saying the sounds since we went to school so it is worth a viewing for you to support your child correctly with these. Thank you.

The weather has turned very cold recently and we ask please that your child has a warm coat with them and also a hat and gloves are advisable. We ask please that your child does not wear a scarf in our playground for safety reasons, (in case of tangling in wheeled toys or causing slips on climbing equipment) but are happy for the children to be wearing them to or from Nursery obviously and just ask for these to be kept in their boxes during their time in Nursery.

Some dates you might like for your diaries are:

Tempest Individual and Sibling photos -Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Performance/Sing-a-long for EYFS -

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (am/beginning flexi sessions)-AM 9.30am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (pm/ end of week flexi sessions) -PM 2pm

Thank you for your continued support, helping us to make your child's Learning Journey special with us. Please do speak to us if ever you have a worry, however small it may seem, so that we can help with this.

Nursery Staff,

Mrs C Lewis, Mrs S Little, Mrs L Macfarlane



