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11<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear Parent / Carer,

We would like to welcome back our children who were with us prior to the holidays and also to welcome our new starters, who we hope will soon feel settled in Nursery. It is a big step for them and we thank you for your support with home visits and the drop-in sessions which all help to make a smooth transition into independent and happy learning for them.

We look forward to seeing new friendships blossom and also for us to settle into some routines soon. Once the children are comfortable in Nursery, we will begin to visit other areas of school to enjoy some computer time, P.E. hall time and our Music Studio slot.

Our Splatt bags will be given out as soon as possible, once all the resources are checked and sorted.

Can we remind you that the children are allowed to bring in a water bottle for their session and we ask that this is **NAMED** please and **ONLY** contains water.

The new children will be working with us so we can gauge where their learning is right now so we can build on this for each of our children. Consultations will be offered after a few weeks to discuss these Baseline Assessments and also to talk about how your child has settled and to look at their first steps in their new 'learning journey'.

Our topic this term is 'Getting to Know Me' and we will share circle times and cover different activities to help develop an understanding of this.

We shall be learning some initial letter sounds and singing Jolly Phonics songs to match these. Notices will go up in the Nursery entrance to keep you up-to-date with these and letter sheets will come home for your child to enjoy and keep. We will be starting soon with the letter 's', followed by 'a', 't' and 'p'.

The school is introducing a cursive script and we will model this when writing with the children. For your interest and support, there is an excellent 'app' called 'Singalong Cursive Handwriting' which makes the letter formation more fun and memorable for the children, should you wish to take a look.

The most important thing for us and yourselves no doubt, is that we have happy, settled children who enjoy coming to our Nursery. Should you have any queries or concerns, however small they may seem, please don't hesitate to ask one of us so that we can help with this. Often what can seem small to us may feel very big to the children.

We are always grateful for your junk! We should warn you that you may well receive it back in a 'recycled' form of a model or two! We ask for you not to send toilet roll tubes, egg boxes and milk cartons for health and safety purposes.

Finally, we love to welcome people offering help but would ask that you wait for your child to feel settled in Nursery first and also for us to have received a copy of your DBS Police Check Form in the main office.

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015

9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Christmas performance for parents of children in Nursery & Reception  
(more details to be given later in the term but we thought you might like advance notice of this one!)

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Lewis

Mrs S Little