

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October



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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have now welcomed all our new starters into Nursery and are pleased with how happily and smoothly they have settled into their new routines. We are also very proud of our children who had returned to us after the summer break who have done a brilliant job of supporting our new starters and helping to make them feel welcome. New friendships are now being made although this takes time and we should reinforce that at this stage it is perfectly normal for children to simply play alongside others rather than with them.

We have begun our initial baseline assessments which helps us to understand the stage of learning your child is at on entry to Nursery. After the half term break we will offer consultations for parents of our new starters where we can discuss these but focus mostly on how your child has settled.

After the half term holiday we will also send out a topic letter outlining the focus of our learning in different areas of the curriculum which helps you to see how you can support and extend their learning at home through their play or conversations.

Now that we have welcomed all our new children into Nursery and are quite settled we are beginning to 'venture out' and visit other parts of school to enjoy music and dancing in the studio and movement in the hall. We will also begin to use the computers in the ICT suite and for some children this will mean introducing them to a mouse rather than using their fingers across a tablet or I-pad!

We are also now feeling the chill of Autumnal days and so woolly hats and gloves are always welcomed. Scarves pose a risk with the wheeled equipment and so whilst the children may wear them to and from nursery with yourselves we will ask them to leave them in their box or on their peg when we play outside.

In our Nursery entrance we have a noticeboard which we ask you to check regularly please for any general requests/notices which may be placed there. We would like to highlight a date for your diaries which is offered well in advance because it can be a favourite for parents! Our Nursery and Reception Christmas performance will be on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December-**

Beginning of the week flexi/ morning session 9.45am

End of the week flexi/ afternoon session 2.00pm

One other date to point out is the P.D.Day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October which means that school will be CLOSED to children that day. We break up for half term therefore on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October and re-open on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs C. Lewis

Mrs S. Little

