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Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher Update

Mrs Collins is continuing her treatment for breast cancer and sends thanks for all the kind messages of support from the school community.

Our learning

In Bumble Bees class the children have been learning all about 'snack time'. The learning has involved making toast and exploring different fruits in the tuff tray. They have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and have been learning the key words of strawberry, apple & banana.

Dragonflies class have been following the theme of colours and have been making colour potions to see what happens when colours are mixed. They have also been making patterns with different colour pegs on peg boards. Their key words have been all the different colours and they have been reading 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See'.

The children in Ladybirds class have been learning all about the harvest and fruits. They have been doing printing with different fruits as the stamps, practicing threading through fruit cards and playing with farm animals and figures. Their key words have been pear, apple, plum, harvest & unripe. They have been reading 'The Enormous Turnip' book.

In Caterpillars the theme has been 'Feelings & Emotions' with them making feeling potions, drawing faces showing different feelings. Their key words are happy, sad, angry & scared and they have been reading 'The Colour Monster' book.

Our Butterfly class have been learning about the weather, which has involved using weather puzzles, making different weather scenes on paper plates, making hats and scarves as well as wind chimes. They have been reading a book about a storm and learning the key words of sun, rain, snow, storm & cold.

Donations

We would be really grateful for any donations of Xmas craft bits, ie. Glitter, paper, paint

Lunch Bags

If possible, could you please send your child's lunch into nursery in a 'lunch bag' rather than a rucksack/large bag as we're having problems in terms of space on the trolleys that are used to store these items.

Absences

A polite reminder that **all** absences need to be reported to the office via Parentmail/Email or a phone call.

School Admissions

Please find attached a couple of adverts from local schools regarding their open events.

Fruit

Thank you for your continuing donations of fruit for your children's snack time – it is greatly appreciated. As are the food donations for our Guinea Pigs.



Clothing

Could you please remember to name all items coming into Nursery, including clothes, jackets, hats, sunglasses.
If you have any unwanted clothes aged 3-4 or 4-5 we would be grateful to receive them.



Toddler Group Reminder

We hold a community toddler group every Thursday from 1.00-2.30pm term time only in Bumblebees class and garden. Our grateful thanks to Dunstable Locality Children's Centre as the children's centre staff will now be hosting our toddler group.



Key Dates

Monday 30th October – Butterflies Parent Consultations

Tuesday 31st October – Ladybird Parent Consultations

Wednesday 1st November – Caterpillars Parent Consultations

Thursday 2nd November – children visiting Becroft school to watch the Pantomime (Robin Hood)

Thursday 2nd November – Bumble Bees Parent Consultations

Friday 3rd November – Dragonflies Parent Consultations

Tuesday 14th November – Individual photo's

Friday 17th November – Children In Need (More details to follow nearer the time)

Week commencing 4th December – Christmas Raffle

Monday 11th December a.m.– children will be singing in the Community Centre to the O.A.P's

Tuesday 12th December a.m. – nativity (2 visitors per child) (Further details to follow – does not include Bumble Bees)

Wednesday 13th December – Bumble Bees singing in class

Term Dates

20.10.23 – last day before half term holiday. See you back here on Monday 30th October.

19.10.23 – last day of term. See you back here on Thursday 4th January.

