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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Message from the Head teacher

What a busy second half of the Autumn Term. Children are now happily settled at Nursery and used to the Nursery routines and when I walk around Nursery children are happily engaged in a variety of learning opportunities in the wonderful learning environment provided by staff. We are starting the run up to Christmas- children have really enjoyed decorating too!



Updates on Curriculum Development

This term when staff are introducing key vocabulary related to the themes, they are reinforcing this in two ways. With each theme there is a key text, such as 'Colour Monster' when children were thinking about emotions. This is helping reinforce and embed vocabulary. We also have curiosity cubes in each room. These are clear boxes with something interesting inside to support children's curiosity- in making comments or asking questions. Staff have been very creative with the things they are putting inside. These have also been related to vocabulary- there are photos included in the gallery.



Our Learning

We have worked a lot in 15 hour and 30 hour bubbles due to staff and pupil illness. All children have been learning about the weather. Children have been using instruments to explore sounds and make rain makers. Children had cornflour and conditioner snow. They have sorted clothes by season and completed weather puzzles. The children have been looking at the weather outside and recording the weather in the weather station role play. In Caterpillars and Butterflies the key text was 'Rain or Shine' a non-fiction book introducing different weather in each season. The children talked about needing umbrella's and wellies in the rain and thought back to when they used paddling pools in the summer. In Dragonflies the key text was 'Whatever the weather' and in Ladybirds the key text was 'Walter's Windy Washing Line.' All the books and activities reinforced weather words. Outside the children put on wellies, jumped in puddles and used brushes to sweep up water. In Bumblebees the focus has been number. The children really enjoyed finding numbers in shredded paper and finding different amounts of objects such as pine cones. The children have also been thinking about numbers of other things such as wild animals. The key text has been '10 in a Bed', a perfect story for introducing number names and counting.



Talk from Miss Palmer

Thank you to those parents and carers who brought in donations for Miss Palmer's visit to Kenya. On Friday 25th November Miss Palmer gave us a talk all about her visit. She explained who she visited, what she was doing and what she saw. She explained how she visited an orphanage, a high school and the Dream Centre (like a community centre) which were all opened in recent years to support orphaned children, sponsored children and other children in the community. The volunteers all supported worship, singing and dancing activities as well as visiting the residents of Utange. She showed photographs to the children of elephants, lions, hyenas, crocodiles, zebra and giraffes- all animals she saw whilst there.



She showed artefacts to the children including some lovely wooden animals, some colourful patterned clothing and some traditional instruments. These have all helped children learn more about the wider world and different cultures.

Miss Palmer will create a display of her pictures and artefacts in the entrance hall near the library so please come and have a look when you borrow a book. There are also some of her photographs in the gallery on the website, so please take a look.

Home Learning Challenge Reminder

Please don't forget the home learning challenge for this half term. The challenge relates to 'Understands and uses number patterns.' Please see the attached home learning sheet. Staff always love to see photos so please remember to send in a picture. (Emails are on the home learning challenge sheet.)



Recommended Read

If you want to help your child understand the Nativity, try reading 'The Christmas Story' by Ian Beck.



If you want a fun read, try 'Aliens Love Panta Claus' by Claire Freedman. Join the aliens as they help out in Santa's workshop and put neon pants on Rudolph and tie knickers up in the place of stockings!

Logo

You may have noticed on the website that we have an updated logo. Our thanks to one of our dad's who created this lovely new logo for us.



Musician Request

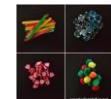
Do you play an instrument? Would you be confident to come in and play your instrument in front of our children?



If so, we would love to hear from you- please speak to Mrs Collins.

Resource Request

Thank you for the donations of pots, pans and other utensils.



Thank you for the donations of decorations.



New request- do you have any nuts, washers, beads, counters, buttons? In January our INSET day is all about Number sense and we would appreciate more resources to support learning.



New request- do you have any large pieces of unwanted fabric? We use these as drapes to display things and for den building and making cosy corners.

New request- do you have any buckets and spades left over from the summer you no longer need, if so we can give them a new home.

Please give any donations into the school office. Thank you.

Wellies

If your child comes to Nursery in wellies in wet weather please ensure they bring a change of shoes for indoors. Thank you.



Cost of Living

Don't forget our school larder if you need any emergency food supplies. Please help yourself when you come into the school library area to borrow a book.



Don't forget our 'Act of Kindness' if you or your child are without a coat, hat, gloves or scarf, please speak to Mrs Collins.

Central Bedfordshire have set up warm spaces. Find out more by clicking the link

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/warm-spaces>

Christmas Stalls and Raffle

Raffle: From 1st December we will be selling raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle. Tickets are £1 a strip. You can win a Christmas hamper or a variety of adult and children's prizes. These are displayed in the entrance hall. The raffle prizes will be drawn at the end of the school day on Monday 12th December and prizes distributed on Tuesday 13th December.



Toy and book stall: We have a toy and book stall with a range of items for sale at either 20p or 50p

Christmas crafts stall: We have a range of Christmas crafts on sale for 20p each. We also have decorations on sale for 50p each

Dressing up clothes: We have a range of dressing up outfits on sale for £1.00 each

All proceeds will be used to buy new books to reinforce our vocabulary themes.

Singing

On Monday 5th December our morning 3-4 year olds will be visiting Beecroft Community Centre to sing their Christmas songs to the old age pensioners.



3–4-year-olds Christmas Nativity Singing

On Thursday 8th December our 3–4-year-olds we will be singing some Nativity and Christmas songs **to parents and carers** in Beecroft Community Centre. We will be singing at 11.00am for morning children and 2.30pm for afternoon children. If your child is here all day, please choose the time which suits you best. Please remember no mobile photos are to be used for recording or photographs as some of our families have not consented to this for safety reasons. We look forward to seeing you there.



2-year-olds Christmas Singing

On Friday 9th December our Bumblebees will be singing **to and with their parents/ carers** in Bumblebees classroom at 11.30am.



Christmas jumpers/ outfits

On Friday 9th December we are having a Christmas jumper day. If your child would like to wear a Christmas outfit, we are collecting donations for Luton and Dunstable hospital.



Library Prize Draw

Don't forget- to be in with a chance of winning the library prize at the end of term in December, you need to have borrowed a book from the library! (One prize per class)



Christmas Party

On Wednesday 14th December we will be holding our Christmas party event. There will be party food, party games, singing and dancing. All costs will be covered by the Nursery.



Christmas Cards

If your child would like to give any Christmas cards to their friends, there is a post box in the entrance hall. All cards need the name and class written on the envelope. These will then be delivered to classes. The post box closes on Wednesday 14th December.



School Places Reminder

It is time to apply for your child's school place for next September. Children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 are due to start school in September 2023. You need to apply before 15 January 2023. Most schools have open day events- contact the school/s you are interested to find out more.



https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/5/school_admissions

ICON

We have been asked to share information about a campaign called ICON promoting the fact that it is okay to walk away for a minute, sometimes babies cry!



I-Infant crying is normal

C- comforting methods can help

O- It's ok to walk away

N- Never, ever shake a baby

The national Crysis number is 08451228669

Key Dates this Term

Week beginning 5th December Christmas Stall/ Raffle continues

Thursday 8th December Christmas Carol Singing Event for 3–4-year-olds 11.00am & 2.30pm-

Friday 9th December- Christmas jumper/ outfit day

Friday 9th December- Singing event for 2-year-olds- 11.30am

Friday 9th December Library Prize draw

Wednesday 14th December Christmas Party Day (children only)

Friday 16th December- Last Day of Term

Local Event

We have been asked to share information regarding a Christmas market at Priory view- see attached poster.