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Hello Everyone,

Half term, is upon us and this half has certainly flown by. We have had a great time learning all about ourselves and what makes us unique, and looking at different cultures and celebrations. Finishing off with looking at the change of the season to autumn and Halloween, we have found lots of things to do with our pumpkins and the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring them.

Competition winners, well done to Harvey, Evie, Cerys, Freya, Isla M & Jack who all won tickets to Tropiquaria. And a big pat on the back to all of you for entering and dressing up this week and making donations, you have help **raise £41** for preschool funds and this will go towards more art supplies.

Half term Challenge You all should of received a bag for a half term challenge, if you can please do this with your child and upload pictures to Tapestry, or bring artwork/creations back in after half term, we would love to display them.

What's going on?

2nd-6th Nov – Bonfire night . We will be exploring bonfire night making pictures, looking at displays, thinking about sounds.

9th-13th Nov – Remembrance, Diwali & Children in Need (phew!), We will be thinking about why we use the poppy as a sign of remembrance and we will be printing, making them. We will also talk about Diwali and the festival of lights and we will be making our own Diyas for children to take home.

16th-20th Nov – People that help us. We will be thinking about all the people that help us this week, we will be hoping to tie this weeks learning with a walk to the fire station, we will also be able to see the doctors as we pass.

23rd-27th Nov – Winter, again we will looking at the change in the season and make sure our bird feeders are stocked up.

30th Nov-18th Dec – CHRISTMAS !!

These are only themes that add to your child's learning, we have continuous provision, children's choice, In the moment planning, loose parts play, curiosity play and physical activities everyday

Dates for your diaries

Children In Need -Children in Need is on **Friday 13th November**, However we will be having a SPOTTY week, children can come in dressed in Pugsey clothes or spotty clothes for a £1 donation toward the charity, we will be talking about how some children aren't as fortunate as we are and how we are helping them and thinking about them.

Bag to school collection has been booked for collection on **25th November**, bags will be sent out as soon as we receive them.

Save the children Christmas Jumper Day – This is on **Friday 11th December**, but again to enable all children to take part we will be extending across the week, We would also encourage parents to wear Christmas jumpers for drop off and collection, and donate £1 per jumper worn

Christmas Holiday – Our last day is **Friday 18th December** and we return on **Monday 4th January**

Slippers – If you still have not supplied slippers, can we encourage you to do so, the children are very settled wearing them and the setting has a nice relaxed feel

Soup Days- After making pumpkin soup this week and the children thoroughly enjoying the process, we would like to introduce this weekly as a snack item, it will be rotated so we can share this with everyone, but as the days are colder a nice warm soup will be beneficial, in time we would like to use our own vegetables for this. If anyone has any family favourite recipies for a good soup we would love to have them

Parent Surveys –Sorry for the delay in getting these out, they hopefully will be going out the first week back, please take the time to fill them out and return, your reply helps us to evaluate our setting and improve our practice. The survey will also be accessing whether there is need to be open

for more sessions, so please take the time to fill that out, your options and views are really important to us, and we want to work in partnership with you all.

Christmas card orders – Please return the first week back as the order will be going in on Friday 6th November

Permission slips for website- These are really important to return, even if you don't want your child's image used we need confirmation, so if they could be returned asap, that would be great

If you have any concerns or questions please either speak to your child's key worker or Tina or email or telephone.

Hope you all have a really good half term.

Tina, Sarah, Rachel & Hayley x