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### BISHOP CORNISH PRE SCHOOL

### AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. We hope that you had a good half term holiday!

This half term we have a student from Plymouth college with us on a Thursday and Friday called Alisha she will be working with the children and learning about working in a preschool.

#### What are we doing this half term?

This half term we will be thinking about different celebrations ending up with Christmas! We will begin with Bonfire night and the children will be listening to the story of Guy Fawkes and making different things to do with fireworks. We will also be talking about firework safety and learning how to be safe around fire in the woods. As part of this topic we will look at different cultures and will investigate the Hindu festival of Diwali. We will encourage the children throughout this topic to talk about any celebrations they may have been to or had at home, so we may adapt our plans as the children come up with ideas. We will finish the term by talking about birthdays, then Advent and Christmas and enjoying the festivities together. Within all of these ideas we will be covering the seven areas of learning and continuing to have focused times based on communication and language, literacy and mathematical development. Our sounds of the week for this half term will be.

Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> October - review m, s, a, d, t

Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> November- i

Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> November- i and n

Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> November - n and p

Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> November - g and p

Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> December - review i, n, p, g

Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> December to the end of term- m, s, a, d, t, i, n, p, g

If your child shows an interest in writing please encourage them to use the correct letter formation and pencil grip. We have some sheets with the letter formation on for you to take and please ask any of the preschool staff if you are unsure about how your child should hold a pencil etc

#### What can you do at home?

If your child would like to bring in any photos of family celebrations then that would be wonderful as we would like to display these on our home and away board. This is a display where children can bring in pictures of special events/people from home to share with us at preschool.

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### WOW tree

Please continue to write wow leaves for us to celebrate really great achievements with the children and we will continue to add them to the WOW tree over the half term and add them to Tapestry at the end of term.

### CLOTHING

As the weather gets colder and wetter please ensure your child comes to preschool in appropriate clothing and with appropriate footwear. We will be going outside in a variety of weathers and would like all the children to be involved in this. Hats can be left in the basket but **please ensure they are named**. Gloves are a great idea but it is really useful if they are attached to your child's coat in some way so that they do not get lost. Also, it would be really helpful if you could check (now and then) that your child's wellies are named or on their own peg as you drop off or pick your child up from preschool since they frequently get mixed up! Thankyou ☺

### THIS TERM'S EVENTS

- Individual photos will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, if your child isn't usually in on a Monday please feel free to bring them in for their photo before 10.30am.
- Stay and Play session - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. If your child attends preschool on a Tuesday you are welcome to come along and join in with us until snack time at 10am
- On Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> November we will be supporting Children in Need, children are welcome to come to preschool wearing their pyjamas. We will be baking cakes on the Thursday and will be selling them after preschool on the Friday.
- Key worker meetings will be the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> November. This is a regular termly opportunity to meet with your child's key worker and discuss their time at preschool so far. Please look out for a timetable to sign up from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November.
- The Preschool Christmas Party will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm and all children will be welcome. If your child does not normally attend on a Monday afternoon, we would ask that you please accompany them to the party.
- The Christmas Productions will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10am further details will be sent out nearer the time. Each child will be given two tickets and you can choose to have both at one performance or one for each performance. You will also be receiving letters soon about the part your child will be playing and the costume that we would like you to provide.
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - trip to theatre to see The Gingerbread Man - please ensure you have booked your seats by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Last day of term is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

As a reminder here are the rest of the term dates for the year so far;

**Spring term 1** - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Half term - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Spring term 2** - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Summer term 1** - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Half term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Summer term 2** - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

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