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BISHOP CORNISH PRE SCHOOL AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER 2017

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 an EYITT student with us called Hannah Brooke-Williams she will be working with the children and learning about teaching in a pre school. The children are enjoying showing her everything about pre school!

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 30th October - review m, s, a, d, t

Week beginning 6th November - i

Week beginning 13th November - i and n

Week beginning 20th November - n and p

Week beginning 27th November - g and p

Week beginning 4th December - review i, n, p, g

Week beginning 11th 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 Mrs. Oakes 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 pre-school.

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Help needed

We have a few things that we would like help with making at pre school to enhance our outdoor learning environment !! If any parents are handy with a screwdriver and wood please come and speak to us and we will explain what we would like.

Also if you have any unwanted pots and pans or kitchen utensils please can we have them to replenish our mud kitchen supplies.

WOW tree

Please continue to write wow leaves for us to celebrate 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 pre-school 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 Pre-school since they frequently get mixed up! Thankyou ☺

This term's events

Key worker meetings will be the week beginning 20th November. This is a regular termly opportunity to meet with your child's key worker and discuss their time at pre-school so far. Please look out for a timetable to sign up from Monday 13th November.

Stay and Play session - Thursday 9th November. If your child attends preschool on a Thursday you are welcome to come along and join in for the morning.

Friday 15th December - trip to theatre to see The Emperor's New Clothes - please ensure you have booked your seats by Friday 10th November.

The Christmas Productions will be on Monday 18th December at 2 pm and Tuesday 19th December at 10.30am 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.

The Pre-school Christmas Party will be on Monday 11th 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 accompany them to the party.

Last day of term is Wednesday 20th December

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

Spring term 1 - Thursday 4th January to Thursday 8th February

Half term - Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Spring term 2 - Monday 19th February to Thursday 29th March

Summer term 1 - Monday 16th April to Thursday 24th May

Half term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

Summer term 2 - Monday 4th June to Friday 20th July

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs.Oakes, Mrs Stokesbury, Mrs.Dark, Miss.Bennett and Mrs.Elford

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