

St Charles R.C. Primary School. Foundation Stage Home Information Letter.

Class: Nursery Autumn 2 2016

Investigative themes:
Autumn/ Christmas

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to a very

busy half term full of anticipation and excitement for Christmas, not long to go! Our topics for this term are 'Autumn' and of course preparing for Christmas.

In 'Early Years' we learn through play which underpins all development and learning for young children and it is through play that children develop intellectually, creatively, physically, socially and emotionally. The activities that we plan for the children are guided by the Early Years Foundation Stage, 'Development Matters' which are specific stages of children's development. This ensures that we are meeting the individual needs of your child's learning and development. Last half term we closely observed the children to discover their individual personalities enabling us to plan to meet their individual interests and needs. We asked the children what they would like to do when they returned to Nursery after the holidays and here are their ideas and some of ours too!

- Fireworks/Baking/Make play dough
- Painting/Junk modelling, leaf prints/ rubbings
- Hibernation, why and where?
- Making dens
- Treasure chests
- Learn about the Nativity through stories and role-play
- Non fiction books/Google for information about different cultures
- Opportunity to explore different materials creatively
- Listening to differing types of music
- Looking for shapes in environment
- Counting , sorting and recognising existing knowledge
- Colour sorting/Number games/matching/Colour mixing
- 'Things I can do'/ learning to share
- Develop good relationships/Encourage the children to taste and create festive food
- Use the puppets to encourage confidence in the children.
- Managing the toilet independently/practise putting on coats and using cutlery correctly
- Learn Christmas songs, Christmas play
- Go to see Father Christmas

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During this second half of the Autumn Term the children will be learning about God's Family;

Be aware that God made all the people in the world to be part of his family and that we are part of it too;

- Know that God made us to know and love him and to show our love for him by helping one another;

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- Know that he has given us gifts so that we can show his love to others;
- Know that God's greatest gift to us was to send us his only son Jesus and respond to that gift.

This is quite a long list but we will do our best to work our way through it! We will also be rehearsing for our Foundation Stage Christmas Production to which you will be invited. This is always a busy half term but the children are now settled and ready to learn!

The children will be making a treasure box and they will need to bring in a shoe box, please write their name on the box. If you have more than one would you send them in please.

Thank you for remembering to bring in the foundation fund, we really need this money as it buys baking resources, snacks and birthday presents.

The children are still struggling to put their coats on independently and also to use a knife and fork at lunch time, could you practise at home? These personal skills are so important. Please remember your child's spare underwear and clothes, it is most distressing for your child when they have not got their own clothes to get changed into.

Please help them with all of these skills because developing independence and self care skills are very important in the Nursery

In the afternoons when you are collecting your child please wait in the playground and we will personally hand your child to you at the Nursery door. This will ease the congestion in the doorway and is much safer for the children. Please remember that the Nursery children finish their day at 3.15pm.

If you have any ideas or suggestions about anything either pop a note into the 'Suggestion Box' or you are most welcome to come into Nursery at any time to see us. We have had a great start to the Autumn term and thank you for all your patience and continued support.

Kind Regards

Mrs S Starkie

Mrs Copakova

Mrs Meek