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Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome all our new starters that have joined us over this half term! It has been a very busy few weeks with home visits and new starters but everyone has now started and settled well!

This half term we will be making observations and assessments of the children so we know where our starting points are. The children will be engaging in lots of colour activities especially around the Elmer stories and also work linked to Nursery Rhymes.

Next half term we will be looking at Autumn before moving on to our Christmas work – I am sure you will all be looking forward to our Concert!

Stay and Play

Stay and Play sessions are held once a month and a list of dates are attached to this newsletter. These sessions are a chance for you to stay for the full session and join in the activities that your child engages in on a daily basis. The first stay and play for this year is booked in for Thursday 22nd October – there will be a list on the wall closer to the date for you to sign up if you would like to join us for stay and play! There will be cake and coffee and a chance for you to meet other parents and work with your child in a number of activities! Each stay and play will focus on a different area so please join us for as many as you can!

Attendance

This year we are introducing an attendance award for the children with 100% attendance across the year. There will be a small reward at the end of each half term and a larger reward for those that manage a full term with no absences. There will be a chart in the cloakroom for you to keep an eye on how close you are to the target!

Behaviour

As most parents will know from the home visits we have changed the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) behaviour policy so we are all following the same format. In the classroom you will notice three faces. The middle face is a green 'Highcliffe Happy' face which is where we want the children to enter nursery – happy and settled ready to start the day, the top face is 'Extremely Excellent' - this is where your child's photo will move to if they do something above and beyond the norm for the session, the bottom face is 'Deeply Disappointed' and this will be used when your child goes against our classroom promises and this will result in a time out for a few minutes. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this behaviour policy please feel free to come and discuss it with the staff. Please remember this policy is about promoting positive behaviour.

Things to look out for!

You will have noticed some 'pockets' hanging on the notice board! These are your post pockets! Please can you check these on a regular basis for new letters, information etc.

Home / School sheets are available for you to take home and complete with your child! These sheets are changed every other Wednesday and are linked to activities that we are doing in school. Please do not feel that you have to take these sheets home they are there if you would like to. All of the children have a home/school file if you return any completed sheets back to nursery!

If you would like to take a book home to share with your child we have a home loan library just near the entrance door that you can use! Please use your child's library card to sign books out.

Remember to allow your child to match their milk tag (will be hanging on their peg waiting for them) to the same picture in the milk table at the beginning of the session!

Outdoor Play

Can we ask that your child comes to nursery **everyday** with a coat and wellies if they have them! Spare clothes in a bag would also be very helpful! The children will play out in all weathers! It would be really helpful if your child could practice putting their coat on and fastening when at home.

Home / School Diary

On a Friday we like to do a show and tell session so every child will now have a home/school diary book that they can bring in on a Friday to share news with their friends! It would be really helpful if you could make a few notes of anything exciting the children have been up to at home!

Pantomime

We have been overwhelmed by the response for our pantomime trip, if you don't think you have received a letter about this can you please let a member of staff know. Remember if you would rather your child did not go to the pantomime then Nursery will be closed on Friday 12th December.

Health and Safety

As the number of children attending nursery is now rising we have a large number of people coming into nursery at the beginning and end of session. For this reason we will now have to ask that pushchairs are left outside under the canopy. Younger siblings are more than welcome to come into Nursery but we ask that the pushchairs are left outside. We are sure you will understand that should there be a fire drill during the beginning or end of the session the pushchairs may become an obstacle during evacuation.

Jewellery is not allowed to be worn in nursery

Dates confirmed so far for your diary

Thursday 22nd October – Stay and Play – all welcome!

Thursday 3rd December – Xmas craft day – ALL nursery children to attend on the morning! 9:15 – 11:30a.m (NO afternoon session this day)

Tuesday 8th December – 10a.m Morning children Christmas Concert

Wednesday 9th December – 2p.m Afternoon Children Christmas Concert

Friday 11th December – Pantomime! Children (and parents) to arrive at Nursery for 12:15.

Friday 18th December – Nursery Christmas Party – Party frocks and Christmas Jumpers – ALL Nursery children to come for morning! 9-11:15a.m (No afternoon session)

Mrs Rowe