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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. We hope you all enjoyed the break from the usual school routine. This half term the curriculum will be planned around celebrations and festivals. We would appreciate any first hand experiences you can share with us of the different religious festivals which might include photographs, special clothing and food. If you could it would be lovely for you to come and talk to the children about the celebrations. We would welcome your expertise and knowledge.

This week you should have received an invitation to a coffee morning/ afternoon. This is a chance to find out more about the routines and to talk to your child's key worker about their progress. You will also be able to play with your child and share their learning journey book. If you have any queries about attending please talk to your child's key worker as soon as possible.

If you would like to take a one off opportunity to spend some time in a nursery session please speak to Mrs Fowler (morning) or Mrs Gower (afternoon). If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis we will need to do a CRB check but your help would be greatly appreciated.

As Christmas approaches there will be information about the Christmas Nativity and Christmas party days. Please check dates and times of sessions on reverse and in future newsletters.

Don't forget - NO NURSERY SESSIONS ON FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER! (Occasional Day). Club is open and priority will be given to those families who use Club regularly. Please check the notes below for other information.

With best wishes

Mrs R Heath

TISSUES

Could you donate a box of tissues to nursery or club to keep us supplied as we train children to blow their noses independently? Please hand a box to your child's key worker. Thank you.

SURVEY FEEDBACK

Thank you to the 43 families who responded to our survey. The overall feeling is very positive about home visits with only one family saying it was not necessary. Your comments about the length of time the nursery was closed or partially open because of the staggered start was very helpful and we will be looking at ways to shorten this time. As a staff we have found home visits very supportive in settling children into nursery and for beginning a partnership with you. We do appreciate some adjustment to our organisation will be required for next year to improve our service. If you would like further details please see Mrs Heath.

THANK YOUs

For the very very generous donations you gave for the Dacorum Community Foodbank at Harvest Time. We also banked £55 for Jeans for Genes day. Thank you for giving generously.

REMINDER

Please collect your child promptly at the end of a session. Children often feel anxious if they are the last to go home and have to wait for a parent to collect them. Collection times are 12 noon and 3:30pm. Staff also need to be preparing for the next session . Thank you for your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS DATES!

Friday 9th December - Christmas Nativity at Nursery. **Session times will be altered.** Details to follow next week in a special Christmas letter.

Wednesday 14th December - Xmas Party sessions. Children come in fancy dress and enjoy some games and an Entertainer. Please can you buy and wrap a small present (£5) for Father Christmas to give your child at the Christmas party. We will collect them (secretly) in the office from Monday 5th December. They will need your child's name and their animal group on a label stuck firmly on the present.

Applying for School Places

The deadline for applying for a primary school place for children born between 1st September 2007 and 31st August 2008 is Sunday 15th January 2012. You can apply online at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions. If you would like help with this or any questions please ask Mrs Heath, or Mrs Harris in the children's centre.