



# Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter

Autumn Term 2nd half 2017



## Topic

This half term our topic in the Foundation Stage is 'Festivals & Celebrations' and 'Autumn/Winter'. The children will be learning about different festivals and celebrations within the Winter Christian calendar and comparing them to other cultures exploring why and how we celebrate. We will also be looking at our local environment and how this changes in relation to the Autumn/Winter season. Please continue to ensure that your child has a warm coat and wellingtons in school for our ongoing outdoor learning experiences as we will continue to explore and investigate outdoors throughout the term. Please place wellingtons in a clearly named bag and leave on your child's peg with their PE kits (UFS only). Please, also ensure that all clothing is clearly named. Could Nursery children also have a change of clothing in school in a named bag on their peg. Be prepared for children to get a little bit wet or dirty as they continue to explore and play.

## Well done!

All of the children are now coming into school independently and eager to learn. Please could we ask that children do not bring their own toys into school as they often go missing or get broken. We do have plenty of toys across the unit and children can access them freely! We also have to be fair to all children.

## Health and Safety

Please ensure that when coming into school each morning that children are not lifted over the fences/gates to enter their classes. Please wait at the gates until a member of staff comes out to unlock it. If you are late and the gate is locked please bring your child to the main entrance.

## Parent Consultations

Parent consultation meetings will take place in the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> December. This will be an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into Nursery/School, how they are achieving and what we can all do to support their development and learning. Please make your appointment using our online system or see Mrs. Edwards in the school office. If you are unable to make an appointment please speak to your child's teacher to arrange an alternative.

## "Share a Session" Open morning

We are planning an event for parents/grandparents and carers to come into school and share a session with the children on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. You will be invited into school for the morning to share activities, learning and to get us all into the Christmas spirit. Refreshments will also be served and you will have an opportunity to communicate with other parents. Staff will also be available for informal discussions. There will also be an opportunity to make a small donation to support us in arranging future events for the children and their families.

## Off-site visits

In order to continue to offer a variety of exciting experiences for the children's learning we often arrange 'off-site' visits to enable the children to explore the local environment and beyond. We may ask for small contributions to cover costs of such visits. However, in such cases you would be informed in writing and given plenty of notice.

## Important dates

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – termly reports to parents  
w/c 11<sup>th</sup> December – parent consultation meetings  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 'Share a session' Open Morning  
(9.15-11.00 a.m.)  
Date TBC – Library visit (UFS only)  
Date TBC – Post Office visit (post letters to Santa)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – EYFS Christmas party  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – End of term  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Children return to school  
\*\*Please see the whole school newsletter or school website  
for any other key dates\*\*