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Dear Parent / Carer,

Well what a lovely half term this has been! It seems such a long time ago that we welcomed back our children who were with us before the summer and those of you new to us this year. The children have come such a long way since then; they now proudly and independently enter the nursery and quickly settle into a range of exciting learning opportunities. This is in part due to the hard work of the staff but also testament to the enormous support you have provided, as parents, during this time. We do feel very lucky to have such a fabulous cohort of children and parents. Thank you!

### **Virtual Tour Filming**

You should have received an e-mail yesterday regarding a film company coming onto site to produce a virtual tour of the school for prospective parents. We have chosen to do this as we cannot allow non-essential visitors on site during the current climate. Please either complete a permission slip (there are hard copies on the table outside Nursery) or e-mail the school admin team to inform us if you give permission for your child to be part of the filming or not. If we do not hear from you by 8am Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 we will assume that you have not given your consent. Children will be grouped accordingly on the day and there will be a range of activities for all children to take part in as usual.

### **Book Shed**

On Friday we will restock the book shed outside the school gate. This is available to you over half term if you require further books to share with your child. We do rely on your goodwill so please put all returned books in the return basket at the bottom. This will allow us to quarantine the books before entering back into the general stock.





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### **School Photographs**

All children in on Tuesday had their photograph taken by Simon Pamment Photography. A big thank you to Simon and his wife who endeavoured to get the best smiles from all the children-they mostly succeeded! We are expecting the proofs back in the weeks after half term. We will send out to you as soon as we have them.

### **Strange Requests...**

A big thank you for your donations of bottles and shirts! We will be using these to create fine motor activities for our busy fingers sessions. Do keep them coming in if you have any other bottles or button up shirts that you do not need. Thank you!

### **Suggested Activity for Home**

Thank you for the cooking photos! These are now in frames and will go up in our home corner over half term! It is lovely to see so many budding chefs in the cohort!

### **Recorded Zoom Sessions**

#### ***Octopants***

Most children will have the fabulous book 'Octopants' in their Bookstart pack. If your child would like to see me read the story please use the link to the recordable zoom in the body of the e-mail. You can view as many times as you want over the half term break!

#### ***Autumn Term Challenge!***

You will have found the 'Autumn Half Term Challenge!' in your Bookstart pack. We hope that you will be able to get out and about over half term and hunt for some autumn features! If your child would like to see the challenge introduced by myself and my puppet friend Kevin please use the link to the recordable zoom in the body of the e-mail.

Enjoy a happy and healthy half term break.

**Hayley Yendell**  
**Headteacher**