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Foundation Stage

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Dear Parents

Topics and themes

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn Term in Foundation. We continue to learn through our theme of “all about me, all about you” and would like to ask you to help us by providing the following photos to support your child’s learning. These do not need to be printed on photo paper, ordinary printer paper is fine. Regular 4”x 6” size or similar would be great. If you prefer to email the photos, please label as “photo for _____ (name of class teacher)”.

- A photo of them as a baby. We will compare ‘then’ and ‘now’.
- A photo of a parent or relative dressed for work with a sentence describing their job in simple terms. We will be learning about different kinds of jobs adults do and thinking about what we might like to be when we grow up.
- A photo showing the outside of their home. We will be talking, drawing and writing about the features of our homes.

Please send the photos in an envelope labelled with your child’s name. If possible, please give the envelope to the adult at the door so that we can collect them all in advance of the activities.

This half term we are also exploring Bonfire night and fireworks, Harvest and “My day” (focusing on sequencing familiar routines and using time related vocabulary)

After these themes we will begin our learning about how and why Christmas is celebrated. We will also be rehearsing our Christmas show. A letter will follow later detailing what part your child is playing in our Christmas show, any words they may be saying and what clothes/costume they need.

Winter clothing

With the weather becoming colder, please could you provide a hat and gloves for your child. Please also show your child how to put on their gloves and ensure they are clearly named. Hats and gloves will be kept in baskets in the cloakroom so children can always find them when they need them. Gloves tend to fall out of pockets and anything kept in book bags are in the classroom and therefore not accessible at lunch time. If possible, please provide a set of gloves and a hat that can stay in school all winter rather than ones that must be taken home each day. This way we can ensure that every child has a set that can be located and worn every time they go outside.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to sharing an exciting half term with your children.

Mrs Rizvi, Miss Dawes, Mrs Fallon and the Foundation Stage Team