



Dear families,

We have been working hard to be able to safely have parents back on site and in with us to enjoy events. Whilst this will not be possible in time for Harvest activities we have made bookings at the Church for Christmas – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – save the date!

It has been lovely to see so many new children in our Nursery and Reception class and we are so proud of how well they have settled. This week our Reception children will undertake the Reception Baseline Assessment. This is a National assessment that all Reception children have to take this year and involves a series of activities to assess areas of Maths and English development. This is nothing to worry about and does not need any additional preparation, Mrs Sherrin and her team will sit with each child individually and ask them to have a go at set tasks such as counting objects – the children won't even know they are doing it!

Thank you for your support with our new morning routine, please can I ask for your continued efforts with leaving the playground at 8:50am when the bell rings. Please can I also ask that children do not return beyond the side gate after they have been dismissed. Staff will do all they can to encourage toileting and collection of all items before leading the children up, but children returning is causing some Safeguarding challenges for us. Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Osbon will be absent from next week for several weeks to undergo and recover from a scheduled operation. Nursery children and families, please be reassured that we will continue to run as usual in the capable hands of Mrs Hedger and Mrs Hamilton. Mrs Osbon's key children will continue to be observed and supported by other EYFS staff members during this time.

Best wishes,  
Cameron Mann.

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