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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope that you all had a great half term holiday. We would like to welcome our new deputy supervisor, Tracey Jones to our team. Tracey will be taking over from Annie and will be the keyperson for the new children joining the elephant group. Tracey will be with us all day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's. Annie will continue as a bank member of staff.

From now until the end of November our activities will be based around the continuing theme of Autumn including bonfires and fireworks. Our Curriculum Goals for this half of the term are **Communication and Language**- Engage with frequent Stories.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**- Manage emotions and develop a positive sense of self. **Physical Development**- Play both indoors and outdoors.

**Understanding the World**- Make sense of their physical world around them

Your child's key person will be uploading the planning for their key groups onto Tapestry, so please look out for that. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

During the half term break we received a letter from the Director of Public Health for Early years settings in Somerset regarding the increasing rates of Coronavirus infections in the area. We were told **"Given that the local rates of transmission across Somerset are now so high, we would advise you to consider implementing further controls so that we can try and stabilise our infection rates"**

So, with this in mind and to keep everyone safe, we will not be allowing any parents and carers into the setting in the morning to drop off their child. You can still come down to Explorers, but we will greet your child at the door and take them in. There will be times, however, that a parent or carer will need to come into the building and so we will insist that a face covering be worn (unless exempt).

Your understanding and cooperation are very much appreciated. We hope that this is only a temporary measure and that we can return to "normal" soon.

#### Covid (Reminder)

I would like to remind parents and carers that if you or your child have any Covid symptoms e.g., high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste or smell then you arrange a PCR test to be done and keep your child away until the results of the test.

### "Colds" (Reminder)

We recommend symptomatic cases of a "cold" should stay away from the setting for at least 5 days from onset of symptoms (irrespective of causes) to reduce the risk of spreading the infection within the setting."

If your child has "a cold" with a high temperature, then they should get a test for Covid-19. A high temperature as defined on the Government website is:

a high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

Definition of a cold- Public Health England- runny or blocked nose, sore throat, headache, non-productive cough, no fever.

If the test is positive, then they should be self-isolating in line with the Government Guidance. If the test is negative, then your child should not attend Explorers for 5 days from the onset of the symptoms of the cold. Please can these results also be reported to us via email so that we know what they are.

If your child is absent from Explorers, please may I remind parents and carers to let us know, either by text or a phone call.

### Clothes

We will be continuing to make sure that our playroom is well ventilated, keeping the back door and windows open. Please could I ask that your child be sent in warm clothing whilst they are with us. Obviously, if the weather is very cold, we will ensure that the heating is on and will make sure that we take alternative steps to increase ventilation. Please could I also ask that your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves to wear for outside play. Thank you very much.

### Fancy Dress Week

As you all will be aware Kelly (Chairperson) sent out an email about the children wearing fancy dress this week in exchange for Tombola prizes for the Christmas Fair being held at the village hall on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November. We look forward to seeing their costumes.

### Children in Need

We will be inviting your child to wear a onesie or PJ's to Explorers from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November for Children in Need. We normally ask for a donation of £1.00 for this very worthy cause. Any questions, please see a member of staff.

### Term Dates

We break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Yours Sincerely,

Anna Swinburn- Supervisor