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Early Years Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

EYFS curriculum

We wanted to share with you how the early years curriculum works at Bishopswood in the form of 3 different aspirations. These aspirations run throughout the year and are broken down into smaller topic areas each term.

Aspiration 1 – Who am I and where do I belong in the community and the wider world?

This aspiration teaches the children to have a stronger understanding of who they are. We talk about identifying and managing their feelings, being able to think about themselves and their family. They will then learn about our class, school and the local community. This links to projects that your child will be doing around the environment and in the local community. They will also think about other people and their lives in both the school, Tadley, UK and the wider world. Travelling around with Banjo Robinson (our travelling cat) helps the children understand this. Children will find out about festivals that people celebrate around the world with a particular focus on light.

Aspiration 2 – How can I grow my own food and create a tasty recipe?

This aspiration begins with the exploration of foods, seeds and plants. The children are able to harvest food that have been grown, observe what happens to the world around us as the seasons change and taste food grown locally and in the wider world. They will have the opportunity to grow foods at school and create recipes using this produce. We are hoping to have an opportunity to visit other schools to taste their food and see what they have grown, as well as visit local allotments.

Aspiration 3 – Little people, big ideas.

This final aspiration will give the children the opportunity to learn how to become more curious, ask questions and find out about things that interest them. They will have the opportunity to learn about different talents, jobs and skills that help make the world a more interesting place. The interests and talents of the children will help shape this aspiration, but they will also be given opportunities to learn about nurses, doctors, scientists, musicians, artists, gardeners or anyone who would like to come and share their skills with the children.

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This half term we will mainly be focusing on Aspiration 1, however we will also learn about seeds and seasonal changes linked to Aspiration 2. Over the coming weeks, we will be learning about different celebrations. We will also be learning about birth and birthdays. We will be talking about when we were born and that we celebrate our birthday once a year. Please could your child bring in a named photograph of themselves as a **baby or toddler on Monday 1st December**. Photos will be returned at a later date.

Reading

Please make sure you are reading regularly with your child and recording when they read to you in their monkey book. **This should be done at least 3 times a week.**

Christmas

Year R will be performing a nativity this term, to share with you the story of the birth of baby Jesus called "A Little Nativity". Year R shows will be Monday 8th December at 2.30pm and Tuesday 9th December at 9.15am. We will write to you shortly to confirm what part your child plays, any costume needs, and information about tickets.

Outdoor day

This term, as part of our topic we will be having an outdoor day on **Tuesday 25th November**. Please make sure you child is dressed in appropriate clothing for the day, especially if it is raining or cold. If they have waterproof trousers, they can bring these in too.

New phonics meeting date

Our postponed parents' phonics talk is now booked for Tuesday 18th November at 9:00. This will be a chance for you to find out more about the process of learning to read and write through our phonics scheme. There will also be an opportunity for you to work with your child to explore some different activities that you could complete at home. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused due to the date change.

A few reminders

Below are just a few reminders about school rules and routines:

- Our trim trail is available to children during our school day only when the equipment is fully supervised by school staff, so please can you refrain from allowing your child to use it at the beginning or end of the school day.
- A reminder that on PE days your child should be wearing plain black or grey jogging bottoms/ shorts, a white t-shirt and their school jumper. **All plain stud earrings should be covered with medical tape.** Please ensure that any new items of clothing or footwear follow the uniform policy.
- After Christmas the children will be practising the skills required to get changed themselves at school. We will therefore ask you to bring their PE kit into school and we will help them get changed **AFTER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK**. We will send a reminder out nearer the time.
- Anti-Bullying week takes place during November and we will be taking part in activities to help support the children to develop an understanding of how to be caring, show respect and be a good friend.

Thank you for your on-going support and co-operation.

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