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Dear families,

I do hope you are all doing well. Autumn was most definitely upon us this week! Our children have been learning all about the changes that occur at this time of year all around us. If you have any Autumn treasures such as conkers or pine cones, then please do send these into school with your child.

Our children also learned lots of important information this week about Pantosaurus. Pantosaurus teaches children about how to keep safe by following the PANTS Rule. Please reinforce this key safeguarding message at home. You can access the NSPCC materials by searching online "Pantosaurus NSPCC".

Macmillan Fundraiser

Many thanks for your support for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. You were incredibly generous. Together we raised **£218.07** for this very worthwhile cause. Many thanks once again.

Winter coats

Please ensure your child has **a warm winter coat with a hood for school**. While children wear school waterproofs outdoors, on very cold days they will require the additional warmth of a winter coat.

Hats, scarves, gloves and umbrellas not appropriate for school. Hats, scarves and gloves go missing and also restrict a child's ability to play outdoors. Children are very active outdoors and staff will continually monitor the weather conditions to adjust outdoor learning sessions to meet the prevailing weather conditions.

Snack Fund:

We still have a number of outstanding Snack Fund payments for this half term. This is a polite reminder that the charge of **£12.00 is now overdue** for this half term. Please pass your child's payment for this half-term to a member of staff in your child's class team as soon as possible.

Morning Drop Off Time

The children are doing really well coming into school on their own and developing their independence. Please continue to support us by not coming into the foyer in the mornings. If you need to speak with your child's class teacher, the best time to do this is at the end of the day at pick-up-time (11.20am or 2.50pm).

Flu Vaccinations

Please return your child's flu vaccination permission form as soon as possible or follow the instructions in the letter to complete your forms online. We encourage you to take up this opportunity so that all children are vaccinated at the same time. The vaccination team will be in school on **Friday 18th October**. If you have made alternative arrangements for your child's vaccine, please inform Joanne Jones.



Attendance and Timekeeping:

If your child is going to be late or absent from school for any reason, please telephone the school office on the first day. If your child is ill, please keep them at home and contact us to let us know the nature of their illness and a likely return date.

Wet and soiled clothing

In keeping with updated public health guidance, we will be sending home your child's wet and soiled items of clothing from next week. Staff will ensure that clothing is double-bagged for hygiene reasons.

Lockdown procedures

We will be rehearsing our school's lockdown procedures from next week, now that all the new children have started. This is an important part of keeping your child safe in the event of an emergency. Staff will teach children about this in a sensitive and age-appropriate way in order to minimise any anxiety.

Names on all belongings / lost property basket

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. This can be a sharpie pen or iron-on labels, for example. Staff will place any un-named items into our lost property basket for safe-keeping.

Harvest Collection 2024

Every year, we ask our families to support our Harvest Appeal by donating items for the food bank at **@TheDrive_L14**. The Drive is a local charity that supports families in the Dovecot and Knotty Ash area. We would be grateful for donations of the following items:

- Tinned food
- Packets – pasta, rice, lentils
- Cereals
- Long life UHT milk
- Teabags and coffee
- Packets of biscuits
- Toiletries (shower gels, toothpaste, toilet rolls, nappies)

Please bring your donations into school and hand them to your child's class team. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

NELI Nursery Rhymes

We are beginning our NELI Nursery Rhyme sequence of learning from next week. Each week, children will learn a different nursery rhyme. A thorough working knowledge of nursery rhymes is the bedrock of children's literacy and language development.

Next week, our rhyme will be "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star". Each day, children will focus on a Special Word to develop and extend their vocabulary. Our Special Words next week are:

- **twinkle**
- **little**
- **in**
- **high**

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Craig A Bolton

Headteacher

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