

Mandeville Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It is lovely to see all the children back after half term and rearing to go! 'Celebrations' is our theme for this half term and we will be having lots of fun while we learn all about different festivals and celebrations. Please keep an eye on the white board outside for all additional information.

First, here is some vital information for you:

- Good attendance is VITAL; **children should be ready to start school at 8.50am**. Please make sure your child goes to bed on time and has enough sleep so that they are alert and ready to learn in school! Your child will be welcomed into the classroom and quickly involved in their "busy finger" activity. The school gate is locked at 9am.
- Breakfast Club is open from 7.50am to 8.50am every day (£2.50 per day). A healthy breakfast makes a huge difference to your child's learning.
- Winter Weather PLEASE make sure your child has a named coat so that they can play and learn outside. If possible a pair of wellies would be useful too; there is a rack outside classroom to keep them safe and dry.
- Please help us by encouraging your children not to play on our outstanding outside provision before school as it has been set up for the day ahead.

This half term, we will be working on a topic called

"Celebrations"

The Foundation Stage curriculum is organised into 6 areas of learning. These are just a few things we'll be learning this half term:

In communication, language and literacy development we will be

- Sharing favourite stories, songs and rhymes as well as learning some new ones
- Learning new words linked to our topic on 'Celebrations'
- Drawing pictures from our favourite stories

In mathematical development we will be

- Learning to count to ten and beyond in the correct order
- Comparing quantities saying when there is more or less
- Looking at shape and pattern in the environment

In personal, social and emotional development we will be

- Talking about our favourite celebrations such as birthdays
- Sharing our feelings about what makes us sad and what makes us happy

In creative development we will be

- Making fireworks for our display
- Creating our own Mehndi patterns
- Making Christmas cards and presents

In knowledge and understanding of the world we will be

- Talking about special times that we share with our family such as Eid and Christmas.
- Exploring light and dark through lots of fun activities

In physical development we will be

- Dancing to our favourite songs
- Developing our muscles by climbing, running, jumping and using the bikes and scooters
- Developing our fine motor skills

Please feel welcome to come and have a look in our classroom whenever you like! If you have any free time and can help in the class we'd love to see you. I am always happy to answer any questions and help in any way!

Angie Shipman