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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn term. Our over-arching theme is '**Food and Festivals**'. Here is the weekly outline and key events coming up over the next few weeks. This is only a flexible guide as we ensure that we follow the interests and fascinations of the children in our provision.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 7th Dec - Trip to St. Marks Church

Tuesday 12th Dec- **EYFS Christmas performance**

Friday 15th Dec- Trip to the Roundhouse to see Shhh....Bang! Show

Here are a few helpful reminders about Reception:

Reading at home and at school

Please bring a book bag to school every day. As you arrive each morning you can ask your child to choose a book from the class selection to take home and share together. Please look after these books and return them to school before taking a new one.

This term we have started guided reading with your child. Once a week your child will read with their teacher and take home a new book. Each child will also have their own reading diary. Reading objectives will be highlighted to give reading with your child a specific focus. Your child will take home a variety of books, While some are phonics books to develop their segmenting and blending skills, others are story books to help develop their comprehension skills.

It is crucial that these books are looked after and returned each week. Guided reading books are in sets of 6 and a loss of a single book means that the set can no longer be used. There will be a charge of £6 for lost books.

Phonics books

Your child will have brought home a yellow phonics books. Every friday, children will bring home the taught phonemes or tricky words that we have been learning. Inside the book there are lots of suggested activities that you can do with your child. This is an opportunity for you to help reinforce the learning that has been happening in class. When practicing writing the letters, please ensure your child is forming the letters correctly.

Spare clothes

Please ensure you child has at least **one set of spare clothes on their peg at all times**. If a set are returned at the end of the day as they were wet, please remember to send replacements the following day. We have a limited supply of school spares and if they are needed, please

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return clean as soon as possible. We encourage your child to be as independent as possible so wherever possible, please let them attempt to dress and undress themselves. Independence and self-confidence are key parts of your child's development.

Dressing for the weather

As the days begin to become cooler and wetter, can we please ask that your child comes to school every day in a long sleeved coat, preferably with a hood or hat. We use the outside area every day and so children need to be able to wrap up warm. We encourage you to dress you child in clothes that they are able to change themselves. Shoes are best with velcro fastenings or a buckle. Long, untied laces can be dangerous in a bustling learning environment. Please clearly label your child's extra clothing with their name as it is very difficult to identify otherwise.

Toys at school

We are aware that some children like to bring in a toy or comfort toy from home. They can easily be lost or broken or played with by other children and this causes much upset. We will let you know when we have show and tell sessions coming up or special events when the children can bring in toys from home.

Primrose Hill Library

Each week the Reception classes take turns to visit the local library for storytelling.

Mystery Reader

We would like to invite you to be our mystery reader of the week. Every Thursday a mystery reader will appear in our class and share a story at the end of the day. This can be you or another relative or family friend. Please see the class teacher to sign up but shhh! keep it a secret.

Cooking money

The children have really enjoyed cooking each week. We have linked the cooking to our sound of the day from pumpkin soup to omelette. Please remember to donate 50p when you can so we can continue to give your children these lovely experiences.

Website www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk

We will be placing news items on the school website to keep you informed about the exciting learning taking place in EYFS and across the school. Please check this from time to time. The termly calendar is also on the website to keep you up to date with important events.

SPECIAL EVENT

EYFS Christmas performance

Tuesday 12th December 2.30pm

Please join us for this. Let us know if you would like to help with costumes, set design etc..

And finally...

A reminder that our aim is for your child to become a confident, motivated and independent learner. Remind them to 'have a go' at things they find difficult. Try to refrain from doing things for them and tell them 'you can do it'. Remember that mistakes are marvellous and are the way we learn how to do things. Praise all of your child's successes and encourage them to make decisions and choices about the experiences and learning they do outside of school.

We look forward to sharing the exciting year ahead with you all.

Many thanks,

The Reception team