



Dear Parents,

Well, the children have certainly had an exciting first half term! We have all settled into school life very well, made many new friends and enjoyed some wonderful activities. We would like to say a huge thank you for the vast response to our school harvest collection. Also to Mr and Mrs Assenheim-Keith (Eaton's parents) who brought a fantastic vegetable box to Kindergarten for the children to explore. We had fun guessing the names of the vegetables and discovering how they grow. Once again, Kindergarten have been able to donate some of the tins and packages of food that you kindly donated to a local food bank. We also loved carving our two huge pumpkins which Sam kindly picked for us on his visit to the pumpkin farm, Honor and Samuel were the lucky winners of the pumpkins to enjoy over the half term break.



We were so pleased and grateful to all parents who took the time to attend a progress update with their child's key worker this week. It is wonderful to see that the children are progressing so well and it's clear to see you think so too!

After half term, we will conclude our All about me topic and begin to think about our favourite stories.

As the weather begins to change we would like for your child to transfer into their winter school coat and for the lightweight jacket to stay at home until spring. We have also been encouraging the children to put on their own coats but they need lots of practice so we would like for you to spend a little time at home helping your child to put on their coat the Montessori way. If you need a demonstration please ask your child's key worker. When we return to school in November the children should return in their winter uniform.



On Thursday 19th November we welcomed Mrs Midha and Mrs Shah into class to share the story of Diwali. They told us about Rama, Sita and Lakshman and how the Diya lamps were lit to welcome them home. The children have also enjoyed decorating rangoli patterns and making pender sweets.

This week, we say a sad goodbye to Kimi Bhachu as she moves to New York. We all wish Kimi and her family a safe journey and lots of fun on her exciting new adventure.



A few notes, requests/reminders:

- If anyone is yet to return their child's interest sheet, please could we have them back to your child's key worker as soon as possible.
- We will be continuing to visit the school library on a Thursday and Friday after half term, so please remember to return outstanding library books back to school.
- Have a lovely half term break!

Dates and Events:

- **Monday 23rd Oct - Friday 3rd Nov (inclusive) - Half Term. Children to return to school on Monday 6th November.**
- **Children in Need – 17th November.**

Kind regards,
Miss Jill and the Kindergarten Team.