



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Isla and Elva. We have just enjoyed a very busy half term and now we have the very exciting run up to Christmas!

Over the last few weeks, we have enjoyed learning about the harvest. Hopefully you all enjoyed the lovely video of the children at church. Thanks again to Vicar Louise for accommodating us. We made the most of the lovely September weather and spent a lot of time outside. The children all loved playing in the water and using the water squinters. We harvested our own fruit and vegetables and the children enjoyed eating tomatoes, strawberries, and potatoes at fruit time. We also learnt about the book 'Handa's Surprise', which also included lots of fruit and vegetables. The balance and wiggle bikes have been very popular with quite a few children learning how to ride them by themselves. Halloween was also very popular this year. Please send us any photos you have of your little ghosts and pumpkins 😊

The Fun Filled Friday children have been out and about a few times. They walked in a corn field and around the village. Just before half-term they had their first visit to Belton School, where they spent the morning in the woods making hedgehogs and climbing the tyres and trees. Over the next few weeks we will be celebrating Diwali, Bonfire Night and going for a poppy walk around the village.

Playgroup finishes on 17<sup>th</sup> December this year, but we will be open for Holiday Club from Monday 20<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December for those who need to work or for last minute Christmas shopping days that might be needed.... We will be open from 8am-4pm and the charge is £5.15 per hour. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to book a place for your child.

As our Holiday Club is so successful, we can offer the following dates:

12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> April 8am to 4pm

19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> July 8am to 4pm

26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> July 8am to 4pm

16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> August 8am to 4pm

23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August 8am to 4pm

The Easter dates will be at £5.15 per hour but we are looking for funding for the summer so will let you know soon after 1<sup>st</sup> April if we are successful and how much it will cost.

Our Bags2school collection is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November so please collect all your unwanted clothes, bedding, shoes, and bags and drop them off before 9am outside the village hall. We don't receive bags any more so black bags are fine. This is a good fund raiser for us and a good way to have a pre-Christmas sort out.

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As the Autumn Activity Morning was cancelled, we will be doing a Wonderful Winter Raffle which will be drawn on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December after the Christmas Quiz. We would be really grateful for any raffle prizes you can donate. We would like to group items together into hampers. We would also like vouchers for services such as a beauty treatment, meal, haircut etc. We need all prizes in by 26<sup>th</sup> November to give us time to make the hampers. Each family will be given tickets to sell to friends, family, and work colleagues. Some of the money raised will go towards a Christmas Party Day for Playgroup and Afterschool Club children.

Save the date for the Christmas Quiz on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - details out soon

Crockery for kitchen - we use real objects in the children's kitchen area, and although the children are very careful, there is the occasional breakage! If you have any spare teapots, mugs, egg cups, plates etc, we would be very grateful for them

Thank you for contributing to your children's learning journeys. They are an important part of playgroup and its lovely to be able to share a record of your child with us.

Sam, Becky, Jo, Vanessa, Kelly, Amanda, Megan and Leah.

#### Dates for your Diary:

- 9<sup>th</sup> November - Bags2school
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Christmas Quiz and Raffle draw
- 17<sup>th</sup> December - Playgroup finishes for Christmas
- 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Christmas Holiday Club

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