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FS Autumn Term Newsletter 2014

# WELCOME TO BLESSED ROBERT WIDMERPOOL FOUNDATION STAGE!

## DIARY DATES

- PARENT CONSULTATIONS FOR FS2—14TH OCTOBER—4-7PM AND 15TH OCTOBER 1.30-3.30PM
- STAY AND PLAY FOR FS1—17TH OCTOBER 9-11AM OR 12.30-2.30PM
- HALF TERM WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER
- FS1 CHRISTMAS SONGS—11TH DECEMBER—2.30PM
- FS2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE—12TH DECEMBER 10.45AM

## OTHER

## INFORMATION

- WE ASK FOR A CONTRIBUTION OF £2 PER CHILD PER TERM TO COVER THE COST OF ITEMS SUCH AS COOKING OR PLAYDOUGH INGREDIENTS. PLEASE BRING THIS IN ASAP IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON
- P.E IS EVERY MONDAY. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD ALWAYS HAS CORRECT KIT IN SCHOOL
- LIBRARY BOOKS ARE CHANGED EVERY THURSDAY
- READING BOOKS ARE CHANGED EVERY MONDAY AND FRIDAY

Miss Chapman, Miss Garforth and all of the staff in the Foundation Stage hope you had a relaxing Summer break and are ready for our exciting new school year. We also offer a warm welcome to the new children and their families in FS1 and FS2.

The School's over-arching theme this year is:

## **ADVENTURE**

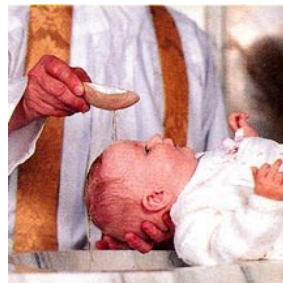
*We want the children at BRW to seek, ask, discover, create, inspire, dream and dare.*



Our first topic will be:

### **'Beginning our Adventure'**

At the heart of our learning will be: **Welcome, Belonging and Baptism:** we will be ensuring that your child feels welcome in their new group, knows what it means to welcome others and belong and know that Baptism is a welcome into God's family.



We will be settling into our new groups and agreeing our rules and expectations and focusing on handwriting—especially our names. *Please help by always reminding your child to start at the top for every letter, using a capital letter to start and then continuing in lower case.* Children will also be managing their clothes independently when changing for PE: FS1—shoes and socks only and FS2—full PE kit. *This seems like a good time to check that every item of clothing has your child's name on!*

Our second topic will be:

### **'My Journey'**

At the heart of our learning will be: **Myself:** the children will consider the importance of their name and that God loves each of us and knows each of us by name.

Every journey begins with the first step.



## My Journey

The journey will take us from role-play in the home corner to role-play in the shop and then in a hospital. We will be learning about ourselves, our bodies, talking to each other, being kind, using money and writing labels along the way. The stories about Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy will help children learn about rhyme, characters and the importance of names.



Our final topic this term will be:

### 'Sparkly Times'

At the heart of our learning will be: **Advent and The Birth of Jesus** We will be looking forward to Jesus' birthday and exploring how people prepare for and celebrate Jesus' birthday. There will be a focus on understanding the Advent wreath and knowing the nativity story.



**Forest School** will continue this term for all the FS2 children and the older FS1 children—dates for your child's visit will be given out very soon. Last term we found treasures and practised our drawing skills to record them in detail and our mapping skills to show where they were hidden. We told stories and made up chants about the woodland environment. As usual, they loved the freedom of exploring the wood and running up and down the hill! Thank you for understanding that despite waterproofs, the children will get muddy whilst learning in the outdoors.

Before preparing for Christmas, we will learn about the Festival of Diwali by making clay divas, chopping vegetables for a curry, singing, dancing and retelling the story of Rama and Sita. The fireworks will continue into Bonfire Night paintings using lots of different techniques. These events will also help us investigate light and dark. Once we start to think about birthdays and Advent, we will make cakes, gifts and write cards whilst learning the true meaning and values of Christmas.

**PLEASE COME AND TALK  
TO US ABOUT ANY QUES-  
TIONS YOU MAY HAVE.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
THE BUSY AND EXCITING  
TERM AHEAD!**