Message from Class Teacher

Dear Parent/Carer, thank you for your time and support during your child's first half-term at school, we very much appreciate it. We are very proud of how quickly the children have settled in to school life and how they are becoming motivated to learn and face new challenges.

BADSWORTH CofE School

Foundation Stage Autumn 2

Attendance

Last half term our attendance was 93%! Our aim for 'good' attendance is 96% so we did not meet this threshold. Please ensure your child is in school wherever possible.

Communication and Language

- Talk about celebrations; Bonfire Night, Christmas, Diwali
- Talk about their favourite toys
- Talk about old and new toys
- Listening games

Physical Development

- Use the tripod grip for writing – pick and flick
- Dance unit - To combine movements fluently
- Negotiate space safely with consideration for myself and others
- Build and construct using large materials
- Dressing and undressing - buttons and zips

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- When I have been to a special celebration? What was it like?
- Why my toy is special?
- Working cooperatively together
- What foods are healthy to eat?
- Celebrate achievements



Literacy

- Learn to recognise and say the phonics sounds from level 1+
- Begin to blend and segment words
- Draw simple story maps
- Re-tell stories through play

Understanding the World

- Identify the materials objects are made from
- Religion and Worldviews - Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?
- Comparing old and new toys

Let's Celebrate!

Mathematics

- Subitise, represent and the composition of numbers 1 to 5
- Identify and name shapes with 4 sides

Expressive Arts & Design

- Firework pictures
- Sing and perform songs and actions - Nativity
- Make food for a party from malleable materials
- DT- structures junk modelling

Key Vocabulary This Half-Term

Today, yesterday, tomorrow, the present, the past, the future, day, week, long ago, old, new, parent, grandparent, great grandparent, who, what, where, materials, plastic, wood, metal, stone, crackle, snap, flame, leap, Nativity, Jesus, incarnation, Wise Man.

Our value for life this half-term is

Kindness

Key Dates

- **4th Nov –** FS Parent lunch
- **13th Nov –** Dress down day – bring small gift donation
- **w/c 16th Nov-** Anti-bullying week
- **Sat 22nd Nov -** Christmas Fair 10am - 2pm
- **30th Nov -** EYFS/KS1 Story night
- **8th Dec -** EYFS/KS1 5:30 pm Nativity performance
- **9th Dec-** EYFS/KS1 9:30 am Nativity performance
- **16th Dec-** Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner
- **18th Dec-** Break up for Christmas holiday

As always, more dates may follow so please read newsletters and Google Classroom.