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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have heard all about the exiting visitors we had at pre-school last week. On Monday we had a visit from a dental hygienist, who talked to the children about how to keep their teeth healthy. On Tuesday we had a visit from the fire service, and learnt about fire safety and the importance of smoke alarms, as well exploring the inside of a fire engine. Finally on Wednesday we had a visit from three policemen, who talked to the children about what the police do, and allowed them to try on helmets, use shields, sit in the police van and, most exciting of all, press buttons to make the lights and siren work!

Many thanks to Laura and Will (Henry Burn's mum and dad) for arranging the police visit.

As the end of term is fast approaching, we are now looking forward to our end of year picnic tomorrow, and hope the forecast is accurate and the weather is kind to us so we are able to use the garden.

During the first three weeks of the autumn term we will be introducing the new children to a variety of activities, and extending these activities for the older children, and for the following four weeks we will be thinking about autumn. This will be split up as follows:

- Week commencing 6th Sep - Painting and dough
- Week commencing 11th Sep - Collage, graphics, sand and printing
- Week commencing 18th Sep - Role play
- Week commencing 25th Sep - Autumn weather – wind and rain
- Week commencing 2nd Oct - Autumn animals
- Week commencing 9th Oct - Harvest festival and autumn vegetables
- Week commencing 16th Oct - Harvest gardening

Please encourage your child to bring into pre-school anything they feel is connected in any way to our theme each week, and please make sure everything is very clearly named, as the children are split into two groups at discussion time and what they bring in is sorted by staff at the beginning of the session.

The first lunch club of the term will be held on Thursday 7th September for those children who have registered. We have a few spaces still available if anyone would like to register their child, but please remember this is for children who are eligible for funding i.e. the term after their 3rd birthday.

On Tuesday 10th October we will be celebrating Harvest Festival, and all parents/carers are invited to join us in the hall at 12.00pm to hear the songs the children have learnt. A reminder will be sent out nearer the time.

We hope you all have a lovely summer break, and look forward to welcoming you back to pre-school on Wednesday 6th September for the start of the autumn term.

Yours sincerely

Kay Ives