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Hiya you lovely lot,

 How can it be September already!! As we find the Autumn Term upon us we thought we’d send out a few of the usual (and a few unusual) reminders.

**Arrivals & Collections**

 We would like to thank you all for embracing our new procedures with regards to arrivals and collections but we do have a couple of reminders:

* Please could we avoid bringing in any toys/items from home apart from lunchboxes and drinks to keep the risks of cross-household contamination as low as possible.
* Please remember that only one parent at a time should be coming in to drop-off or collect their child.
* Both yourselves *and* the children should be using the hand sanitizer at the gate when you arrive.

**Autumn Term**

 The dates for Autumn Term are listed at the end of this newsletter as well as our Christmas dates and our holiday dates for next year. With the weather set to change as this term progresses it will be a good idea if a pair of named wellies and a named splash/wet suit were left here so we can minimize the number of items travelling back and forth with the children. We have spent many headache-filled hours over the last few months sorting out additional safe storage space for all these extras in preparation for the colder and wetter months.

**Learning Journies**

 Now is usually the time that we would be sending out the children’s learning journies for them to bring home and show you but with the big break and the gradual return for some children we feel that there is not quite enough new information in there so we have decided to wait until the New Year before we send them out again. We will of course keep them up to date and you are more than welcome to have a look through them whenever you wish but we would like the children (and us) to get used to this new normality before we start writing up developmental and planning reports.

**Illnesses**

 Right! This is the big one………..as we come in to the colder months we normally see a rise in the cases of coughs, colds and general unwellness. With every thing that has gone on and is still going on this year we have to make it absolutely clear that we will be following our Covid-19 policy very, very closely, a copy of which has been attached to this email. If any of the children present with what we believe to be symptoms of Coronavirus (persistent cough, high temperature) we will expect them to be collected from us as soon as is reasonably possible. If your child has been given medicine because they had “a bit of a temperature last night but seem fine today” (a story we’ve heard countless times over the years) then we will not be able to accept them in the morning, we are relying on everyone to make sensible decisions about their children’s health and well-being.

PLEASE DO **NOT** ASK US TO MAKE DOORSTEP DECISIONS

 Lastly could we please ask you all to reply to the email this newsletter was sent with to confirm that you have received and read it as we have had a few parents recently that don’t seem to be getting all of our emails and we would like to figure out whether the problem is at our end or theirs.

 **Much Love**

 **Carol & Nik.**

**Term Dates for Early Years Funded Children**

First Day of Autumn Term – Monday 7th September

Half Term – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Last Day of Autumn Term – Friday 18th December

**Important Dates**

Friday 18th September – Carol & Nik Off

Monday 28th September – Carol & Nik Off

Friday 18th December – Last Working Day Before Christmas

Monday 4th January 2021 – Back to Work

Monday 10th May – Friday 21st May 2021 – Carol & Nik Holiday