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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear parents/carers,

This week we have been enjoying the story 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. We have acted out the story; drawn and written about our own ideas for using a stick and made our own Stick Men. In maths, we have continued to work on counting accurately and recognising numbers. We have also begun to look at 'one more than' a number (e.g. one more than 4 is 5, etc) and enjoyed games which helped us to think about pairs of numbers which make 5. You might want to try this at home. Start with 5 objects/toys. You hide some whilst your child closes their eyes. They then have to guess how many are hidden. Start with 3 objects for a simpler version or increase the number of objects to make it harder. Next week we will be consolidating the letter sounds taught so far: s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k.

Next week is the last week before half term. We have our phonics/reading sessions in school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9.30 am and then 2.30 pm. Please join us if you are able (main school entrance please). We will be sending a copy of the presentation out to all parents, following the sessions. On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> it's our Harvest Festival celebration in St Paul's Church. Please join us at the Church at 9.30am or feel free to meet us outside the front of school and help us walk the children up.

School finishes at 3.15pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October for half term and re-opens on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> at 8.40 am. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, we are offering a 'stay and play' session, starting at 1.30 pm. If you are free, please join us in the Early Years' classrooms for a 'Bonfire Night' themed afternoon of activities. Please sign in at the school office.

PE lessons will begin after half term. These will be outside or in the school hall, depending on the weather. Children will need a bag with shorts/t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls – all named please. These need to be in school every day and taken home at the end of half term to be washed.

Finally – dates for your diary. The children will be performing a nativity play on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm in the sports' hall.

Yours faithfully,

**Kate McEvoy and the Early Years' Team**

**Executive Headteacher: Mrs Carol McDermott**

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