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Dear parents

We have all enjoyed a brilliant autumn term, so far. The children have been busy exploring the outdoor environment and using lots of lovely natural resources for craft and during play. Bear hunt week was a great success (the weather was kind to us!!) and the children joined in with the actions involved in the story. After finding the bear in the "cave" we played hide and seek and hid the bear in the woods. Mandy Simpson came to visit us and talk about road safety, taking the children down to the road to practice crossing safely.

The children enjoyed Gerry's visits, helping to make the banana plant in the rainbow room, singing the "jambo" song and listening to her stories. Thank you to those of you who have sent in their Hands of Friendship. There is still time to send one in if you would like to - please send in before the end of November. Gerry also talked about growing crops in Uganda, this complemented our Harvest Festival topic. Thank you for your kind donations for Harvest Festival, this year we will be sending them to The Wellspring, a charity for the homeless in Stockport.

Two new members of staff have recently been appointed, Michelle who will be working during pre-school, breakfast and afterschool and Lorraine who will be working during afterschool. We would like to welcome them both to the Hollies team.

Next week we will be sending out a short progress report for the pre-school children. Please feel free to make any comments or add any information regarding your child's progress and return it to their key person.

The Christmas fair will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 11am - 1pm. Letters will be sent out shortly.

This year the nativities will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December during the morning session. Christmas parties will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If your child does not attend on the morning of the Nativity and you would



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like them to come for one of the sessions please email Liz to arrange a swap or an extra session, we will do our best to accommodate all children. On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, Jackie from the school canteen will be cooking Christmas dinner for children and parents to enjoy together. We will send out more details regarding all Christmas activities nearer the time.

We have attached a copy of the songs we sing during the nativity. We will be starting to sing them this week and would be grateful if you could practice them with your child at home.

We look forward to an exciting Christmas term.