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## Nursery

Dear parents and carers

As we approach the end of term, I would like to say a huge "Thank you!" for all of the lovely photos and observations that have been sent to <a href="mailto:nurserylearning@woodside.shropshire.sch.uk">nurserylearning@woodside.shropshire.sch.uk</a> by parents/carers. The children have loved sharing them.

These observations really support the children's communication and language development as they provide the children with something familiar and of interest to them to talk to the adults and their peers about. It also gives the other children the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about their friends.

We would love to continue sharing the photos and observations that are sent to <a href="mailto:nurserylearning@woodside.shropshire.sch.uk">nurserylearning@woodside.shropshire.sch.uk</a> in spring term too. If there is anything your child would like to share with us about their Christmas holiday, please email us about it by Friday 05 January and we will share the photos during group times.

Our spring term theme will be 'Come Outside!' and we will be welcoming new children into Nursery in January. Please talk to your child about how they can be a good friend to the new children e.g. by showing them where their peg is or where we keep the water bottles, by explaining that the children need to "Choose it, use it, put it back." Please also remind them about the importance of taking turns and using kind words. The new children may be unsure about starting Nursery at first and the older children can help them to settle in by showing them kindness.

## **Christmas Holiday Challenge**

We are encouraging independence in Nursery and although many of the children can take off their own coats and shoes, we still need to work on putting coats and shoes back on without adult support. We would like the children to practice the skill of putting on their own coat and shoes by themselves over the Christmas holidays. This also includes turning the sleeves the right way around when they are inside out. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Wishing you a very "Merry Christmas" and we look forward to seeing you all in 2024! Kind regards,

Gemma Humphreys Nursery Leader