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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to let you know a little more about our first week back after half-term. This will be a theme week called **"Brilliant Bridgwater!"**

During this week, we will be learning about important events and celebrations, and how we celebrate them in our own special ways, such as Carnival, Diwali, and Bonfire night.

Monday 30th October

We are closed for Parents' Day on Monday 30th October. Please sign up for an appointment – schedules will be available with staff on the playground from Friday 13th October. Each appointment will be 10 minutes with the teacher to discuss progress first, followed by 10 minutes with a teaching assistant to look through your child's books. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries about making an appointment.

Tuesday 31st October

We will be embracing and celebrating Halloween. As Halloween falls on a school day again, like last year we have decided to make more of an event of Halloween in school. The children are invited to dress up in Halloween costumes for school, but we would ask that you choose fun rather than scary costumes to be sensitive to everyone.

Please do not feel you have to buy anything new, we are always pleased to see homemade costumes. We have planned some "trick or treat" activities within school, alongside decoration making and pumpkin carving, and pumpkin recipes!

We will focus on the fun side of Halloween and discuss it with the children in a sensitive and light-hearted manner that is appropriate for their age. They really enjoyed the day last year but please let us know if you have any concerns or worries about this.

Wednesday 1st November

Wednesday will be our Bonfire/Diwali day. We will be learning about Fire and Light, and firework safety, as well as using a Kelly Kettle in Forest School, and roasting marshmallows.

Thursday 2nd November

Thursday will be our community day. Each class has chosen their own project or event for this day. Some classes are inviting parents in to support this.

Friday 3rd November

Friday will be our Carnival day. We will be learning about the history of Carnival, particularly here in Bridgwater. Many of our own families are involved in Carnival and we would be happy to see any photos, costumes or resources that you may be able to share with us.

If you have any resources or can offer any help, please let your child's class teacher know.

Can I also please remind you that next Friday, 20th October, is an INSET day and the school and nursery classes will be closed to pupils.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mary Weatherburn
Headteacher