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Dear Parents

On last Friday's Fortnightly Flyer, it stated that there is a parents evening at the beginning of November. Please note that this is for Key Stage 1 parents only.

Every week each class has 3 focus children. The week before your child is a 'focus child' we will send a letter home asking you for information about your child; their interests and any progress you have observed at home. We also ask for some photos to support the written information.

Our setting has been planned to ensure that it is an enabling environment that allows the children to have a deep level of involvement in the activities that they choose to access. Planning in the moment is all about seizing the moment for children to progress based on what the children are already deeply involved in. This way of planning relies on us using quality interactions to draw out the children's knowledge and build on it there and then (in the moment). This means that we observe what the child is doing and needs to do next, assess the teachable moment from the child's perspective and know when to intervene and when to stand back and observe. A learning journey will be created over the week for the focus children so that their progress is documented, and next steps can be identified to enable them to continue their learning journey.

Child-initiated learning has an important role in children's learning and development because children explore and learn from their own thoughts and ideas through the freedom and creativity that child-initiated play enables. We have named our child-initiated learning time 'Grow Time' as the children are growing their minds, allowing them to flourish into growth mindset learners.

The week after your child is a 'focus child' we will invite you to have a 10 minute Teams online video call to discuss what was observed, the progress made and what the next steps should be for your child. We will also discuss the characteristics of learning your child has displayed and how we can support your child's progress by developing them.

This will happen once a term, which provides an invaluable relationship between home and school to ensure that your child's learning is optimised.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards

Mrs Thomas

Early Years Leader

'Sharing, Caring, Learning and Loving with God'