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Dear Parents/Carers

We are inviting all children to make their own **chatter bag** all about themselves. The children may remember doing this last year in Reception so this is a great opportunity to compare what is the same and what is different about themselves since then!

What is a *chatter bag*?

Today we will be sending home a paper bag for your child to decorate and fill with things that tell us something special about them. This may include (but not limited to) items such as:

- A picture of their family and loved ones
- An object of religious, cultural or personal significance
- Something about their hobbies and interests (e.g. swimming goggles, a ballet shoe or a paintbrush)
- Empty food packets of their favourite foods (nothing containing nuts please!) or a family recipe

We would really like to celebrate the diversity and uniqueness of everyone in our school community and are looking forward to seeing them, but please ensure that they do not contain any valuables. All children will have an opportunity to share their *chatter bag* with their class throughout the term. We will also be sharing *mystery chatter bags* in class belonging to members of staff, significant people from history and individuals from current world events.

The children will bring home a brown paper bag to decorate and fill in the next few days. We ask that all chatter bags are returned to school for sharing anytime between now and 17th November to give ample time for all children to share them before the Christmas activities begin!

We are really looking forward to seeing your child's *chatter bag* and helping them gain a deeper understanding of themselves and for us to get to know them even better!

Kind regards,

Danielle Maynard
(Year 1 Leader)