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Welcome to one of the busiest (and most exciting?) terms of the school year! As we approach the end of term – and that very special time of year – events and fun times in school are plentiful and the school diary gets full to the brim. I hope this newsletter gives you all the information that you need for the term ahead and if you're ever unsure of anything, there are number of ways you can check what is happening:

- Ask me on the door, in the morning or a member of staff at the end of the day
- Contact the office between 8:45 and 3:00.
- Check out the Calendar section on the school website
- Peruse the recent newsletters also on the school website

Harvest Service

Thanks to those of you who attended our Harvest Service in October. I'm sure you will agree that the children were in amazing voice and that all of those who presented or performed did themselves and the school proud. Unfortunately, I was called away due to an unexpected incident and I missed some of the end of the service, therefore I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your attendance officially.

Remembrance service

With Remembrance Sunday being this week on the 11th, we have been invited by the church wardens and the Royal British Legion to attend a special Remembrance service this Friday, November 9th. We will be leaving the school at 10:30 with the intention of being at the church for 10:50. You are more than welcome to join us in church or at school to help with the walking of the children to the church. We hope to see you there for this important service.

Hallowe'en Disco – Friday November 9th 4:30-6:00

Hopefully you will have received some information from the PTFA regarding this week's Hallowe'en disco. It is hoped that many of the children attend and support this event so that the PTFA can continue to support the school with your kind donations. I believe that there will be music, food and a costume competition! Sounds too good to miss, so I will also be in attendance! Please remember that children will need to go home before returning for the disco and no children will be let into school before 4:30. Can I request that no costume props are brought in (i.e. no weapons) as these will not be needed for the competition, nor will the children need to bring any additional money. Also if you have not paid on ParentPay by 12pm on Friday 9th November, your child will not be allowed entry. When paying on ParentPay, please add as a note what your child's food preference is and then this information will definitely get to the PTFA. If you need any help with paying, or have any other questions, please contact the PTFA via their Facebook page or a member of the office team.

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Children in Need

Friday 16th November is the date for this year's Children in Need Day. As a school, we like to support worthy charities such as these and so we are happy for children to come dressed appropriately to get into the fundraising mood! As ever, spots are always a winner as well as Pudsey t-shirts, bandanas, fluffy ears, etc. Children can choose to come in non-uniform in keeping with the spotty theme and bring a contribution of £1 to support our fundraising efforts. We will also be inviting the children to bring in any loose change and we will attempt to fill up our giant Pudsey! I wonder how much we can raise...

Christmas Fair - Friday December 7th 3:30-5:00

After last year's inaugural and successful Christmas Fair, organised by the PTFA, we have decided to hold another this year! Please check out the PTFA Facebook page nearer the time for the stalls and other events that are happening on that evening, but I'm sure it will be as good as last year, if not better! I'm hoping that a certain someone will have time to call upon us in his sleigh, so fingers crossed.

Nativity/Class performances

This year Class 1 will be performing 'A Wiggly Nativity' with both performances taking place in school on Tuesday 11th December (2pm/6pm). Thanks to those of you who have already sent in costumes and I hope all of you will have the opportunity to attend at least one of the performances. I always look forward to the nativity performance every year and it really gets me in the Christmas spirit! I also know that this is one of those special memories that parents treasure for ever, so the children and staff will be working really hard to ensure that it is just that!

This year Class 2 will not be putting on a performance in this term, but instead they will hold a special class assembly, celebrating their learning in the Spring Term. At this stage, there are no concrete plans but we are expecting this to take place towards the end of March. More details to follow in the new year.

As usual Class 3 will put on their performance at the end of the school year.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday December 14th

This year's Christmas Jumper Day, in support of Save the Children, is on Friday December 14th. We would like to invite all children to wear their favourite Christmas jumper on that day and to bring a voluntary contribution of £1 per family. This will not be a non-uniform day, with the exception of the jumper, and children do not have to participate if they do not want to. It will be a normal school day otherwise.

Christmas Party Day/Christmas Lunch – Monday December 17th

This year we will be holding our Christmas Party Day on Monday December 17th and this will also be the day where we have our school Christmas Lunch. There may also be a special visitor coming to the school during that day... It will be a full non-uniform day and there will be all kinds of fun going on; we will let you know more nearer the time.

Christmas Carols/Christingle service – Tuesday 18th December 1:30pm

We will be returning to church once again to hold our carols and Christingle service. This was an absolutely wonderful service last year and it was a pleasure to see so many of you there. It is hoped that the children will have the chance to make Christingles again beforehand plus we have also started to practise our songs so that we can fill the church with both light and tuneful singing! All are invited and we would welcome any help again to walk down. Let's end the term on a high!

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Admissions

Lincolnshire County Council are in the process of consulting on admission arrangements, however there is no change to our admissions policy currently. For those of you that want more information on LCC's consultation process, then you are welcome to visit the website below and then use the e-mail address to make any comments.

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation

admissionspolicy@lincolnshire.gov.uk

First thing in the mornings

Please be mindful we do not allow footballs/tennis balls to be brought in to school and as such, there should be no playing with these balls on the front playground before the school morning begins. The children are aware of this in school time and this is still the case before school starts.

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