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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We are delighted to see all the children back and excited for this half term and all the festivities it brings! This is always a busy half term, but a magical one leading up to Christmas, so there's lots of information in this letter about upcoming events, plus dates for your diary.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete a form and feedback to us things that are working well and those which may you feel may still require some improvement. We have taken on board all your comments and suggestions and will continue to work hard to implement changes and developments where necessary.

The majority of the forms suggested that a short face to face meeting would be preferred as an update on your child's progress and targets. Your child's class teachers will be in touch shortly with dates and appointments for you to book a slot, so please keep your eyes open for these invitations.

Winter Uniform

Children do need to wear winter uniform please until Easter half term (no shorts or summer dresses now please). See the attached list for further details. It is a requirement that all children have plimsolls for indoor PE lessons (or trainer style indoor shoes). We do not have spares of these in school.

Meet the SENDCo

We are holding a session in school on Thursday 10th November at 5pm, with Mrs McBrown, our SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator). This will be an opportunity for you to meet with Mrs McBrown and for her to communicate new strategies and provision we are implementing to ensure we can best meet your child's needs. Please drop office@linby.notts.sch.uk a line to book a seat. A short survey relating to this will be sent separately.

Car Parking

For the safety of our children we would ask that you do not drive up or park on Quarry Lane in the mornings or afternoons – this includes children who are running late. We would rather children be a little late to class than cause danger to other pedestrians. We will be issuing a car permit to those who have spoken to the Heads of School to request special access; if you believe that you have a legitimate reason for needing to drive up to school, please email office@linby.notts.sch.uk and we will consider each case carefully. Please help us to keep our school safe for all.

Time Out for Parents

A letter has been sent out regarding this course run by Sally Newsome; there is still time to register an interest, so if you are interested in taking part, please email the office (office@linby.notts.sch.uk) and they will book you a place.

FLAPPS updates

There will also be a Wear What You Like Day on **Friday 4th November**. Please support FLAPPS by donating £1. The fundraising from this will go towards our plans for Christmas celebrations.



Nativity

As usual, our key stage 1 and reception children will soon begin practicing for their nativity play. We will be holding performances in the afternoon of **Tuesday 13th December** and evening of **Wednesday 14th December**. Further details and how to obtain tickets will be sent out closer to the time.

Hucknall Christmas Tree Competition

As you may know, each year local schools and businesses take part in the Christmas Tree Festival, providing a decorated tree to be displayed in St Mary Magdalene Church. Members of the local community are then able to view all the trees and vote for their favourites. We are thrilled to let you know that we will be taking part this year so would love you to pay a visit and vote for the children's' hard work! The festival will be open as part of the Hucknall Lights celebrations on Wednesday 30th November.

Christmas Dinner

If your child normally has packed lunches but would like to receive a Christmas Dinner on 9th December, please let the office know by Friday 11th November please so the kitchen is able to order the food from our suppliers. Cost for the dinner will be £2.40 per child.

Christingle Service

Trevor Raaf will be leading our Christingle Service on Tuesday 20th December at 2.30pm at St Michaels Church. All parents are welcome to attend. Please collect the children at 3.30pm from the church rather than school on this day.

Shoebox Appeal

As in previous years, the school is supporting the annual Shoebox appeal for children in poor communities in Eastern Europe. Please bring your filled boxes into school by Thursday 17th November. These will then be taken to St Michaels Church where Trevor will be leading the special Family Shoebox service on Sunday 20th November. If you would like to purchase a box, please come to the office to collect (they are 40p each).

Dates for your diary (these are also on our website):

Thursday 3rd November: Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight measurements

Friday 4th November: Wear What You Like Day - £1 donation

Thursday 10th November: Meet the SENDCo, 5pm at school

Tuesday 15th November: Oak Class Assembly 9:00-9:20am

Thursday 17th November: Bring shoebox donations into school

Friday 18th November: Children in Need – dressing up theme is...Spots!!!

Wednesday 23rd November: Fir Class Assembly 9:00-9:20am

Monday 21st November: Parents consultation meetings (3.30-5.30pm)

Thursday 24th November: Flu immunisations and Parents consultation meetings (3.30-5.30pm)

Thursday 8th December: Christmas jumper day

Friday 9th December: Christmas Market – more details to follow

Tuesday 13th December: Nativity performance (afternoon)

Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Dinner and Nativity Performance (evening)

Monday 19th December: Whole school pantomime visit to Mansfield Palace Theatre – please return consent forms and payment contribution as soon as possible

Tuesday 20th December: Christingle Service at St Michaels Church



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Warm regards

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