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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term. We hope everyone has had a safe and happy half term break and you have been able to enjoy some of the fabulous weather. Looking ahead, this half term is our busiest so far this year. There are plenty of events and opportunities for both pupils and parents/carers to enjoy before we break up for the summer holidays.

### **Class Dojo**

Class Dojo is a school communication platform that helps teachers encourage children in class that was implemented in the classroom during the Spring Term. Teachers use Class Dojo to give children encouragement (through points that can be earned) for showing specific skills or strengths. Each class has their own points system where they can earn rewards when they reach a certain number of Dojo points.

Class Dojo also has the facility for parents/carers to communicate directly with the class teacher. Previously, if you had wanted to contact your child's class teacher, you might have emailed the class email account e.g. [firt@linby.notts.sch.uk](mailto:firt@linby.notts.sch.uk). We are now in the process of phasing this system out. Instead, if you need to contact your child's class teacher, we would like you to do this through Class Dojo. Your child will be sent home with a letter which includes a Class Dojo code, that is specific to your child, and instructions on how to join your child's Class Dojo.

If you have any questions on how to access Class Dojo, please speak to your child's class teachers, who are also learning, but will be happy to find out!

### **Website update**

Our school website has continued to be developed over the last two terms. Each class now has a class page where curriculum plans have been added. We endeavour to keep this updated so parents and carers are better informed about what children have been learning in their lessons. Alongside Class Dojo's Class Story, we will be adding photographs that showcase the learning that has taken place both inside and outside of the classroom.

## Attendance and holidays

Linby cum Papplewick C of E Primary School has high expectations for every child from the moment they join our school. Children have the right to a high-quality education and we provide this at Linby. High attendance is necessary to ensure that your child benefits fully from the learning opportunities on offer.

At the direction of the government, we are not permitted to authorise holidays in term time. Whilst we understand the pressures on cost of holidays, we are also aware that we have many families that have taken or are about to take holidays in school time. Please consider the impact that this has on both your child's education and the staff that work so hard for your children. There may be lesson objectives that your child misses during their absence that will only be covered again (at a more challenging level) the following school year. The pressure for teachers when they return to help them to catch up is significant and it takes time and resources away from children's education in school.

<u>Year group</u>	<u>Attendance for Summer 1 half term</u>
Reception	96.1%
1	94.9%
2	99.1%
3	92.7%
4	95.9%
5	88%
6	95%

## School Reports

Thank you for the feedback relating to school reports. It has helped us to make sure that the information we include in the school reports is given in a way that is useful to you as parents. We aim to have school reports sent out to parents during the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

## Recent and Upcoming events

**King Charles III Coronation:** To celebrate the King's Coronation, we held a royal themed day that included children participating in lots of different activities: crown making, cream tea served at Sherwood House to the residents, a royal banquet, an afternoon of traditional games and cream teas after school. A huge thank you to FLAPPS for organising and serving the cream teas after school. The scones were exceptional! It was great to see such a large turn out and everyone had so much fun. We have put together a video of the day:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HNsRHTEGck&feature=youtu.be>



**PGL Caythorpe:** Just before half term, our Year 6 pupils visited PGL Caythorpe. They enjoyed three days of testing their nerves on lots of different activities including wall climbing, the giant swing and raft building. We have created a video of their time at PGL to share the fun they had with the Linby School Community:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDElnA252F4&feature=youtu.be>

**Values' Day:** To re-launch our Christian school values, we will be holding a Values' Day on Friday 9th June. As a school, we have talked about the values which the children feel we need to give greater emphasis to our ethos and those that embody Jesus' teachings. The following values were chosen: Love, Wisdom, Hope, Community and Dignity. Children will be allowed to come into school wearing bright clothes. During the day, they will rotate around different activities that focus on each of the school values.

**Potted Sports:** On Tuesday 27th June, children will take part in a potted sports day. This will involve them being put into mixed-age groups. Children will take part in lots of different sport activities and will be awarded points for showing the sports values: passion, self-belief, honesty, determination and teamwork. We will require volunteers for the day, so please contact Mrs Howe in the school office to let her know if you are able to help out.

**School camp:** Once again, FLAPPS will be hosting the highly anticipated and enjoyable school camp. Details of this event were sent out on by email on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023. We do hope that you can support FLAPPS and the school by attending this event.

### **Thank you for the plants!**

A huge thank you to all the parents who have very kindly donated equipment and plants to school. Once in flower, they will certainly bring extra cheer to the outside area at the front of the school. As always, your support and response to these requests is much appreciated. There is still plenty of space on our living wall. If you would like to donate any bedding plants to add to the living wall, please drop these off at the office or send them into school with your child.

The atmosphere around school is wonderful. Many visitors to the school comment on the excellent attitudes the children have towards their learning and the close relationships they have with their peers and members of staff. We really do feel privileged to lead such a great school, which is full of delightful and enthusiastic children (and parents/carers).

Thank you for all your continued support throughout the school year.

Warmest regards,

Rachel Hodge and Natasha Murray



## KEY DATES



### Key Dates for your diary:

#### Summer 2 Half Term

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023:** Road Safety Day. Workshops to take place throughout the school day.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023:** Values' Day. Children to come into school wearing bright colours.

**Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023:** Phonics Screening Check (Year 1 children) and Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4 children)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023:** FLAPPS event – School Camp (Please refer to the FLAPPS letter for further information on this event.)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023:** Young buddies from The National Academy to visit Year 6 pupils.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023:** Piano Recital for pupils accessing music lessons with Mrs Gregory

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023:** Oak Class to visit Papplewick Pumping Station

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023:** Potted sports day

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (evening performance 6pm):** Oak Class Production – I'm An 11-Yr-Old GET ME OUT OF HERE!

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023:** Year 6 pupils to visit Southwell Minster (Stepping Up Day – More details to follow.)

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (evening performance 6pm):** Oak Class Production – I'm An 11-Yr-Old GET ME OUT OF HERE!

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023:** Year 6 pupils transition days for National Academy. Rest of the school – transition sessions.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023:** FLAPPS event – Family sports evening

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023:** Leavers' Service at St Michaels Church, Linby

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 (3:30pm):** End of the Summer 2 Term.



## Key dates for Academic Year 2023-2024

### Autumn Term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023:** INSET Day – School closed

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023:** School re-opens for the Autumn 1 Term

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (3:30pm):** End of the Autumn 1 Term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023:** School re-opens for the Autumn 2 Term

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 (3:30pm):** End of the Autumn 2 Term

### Spring Term

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024:** INSET Days – School closed

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024:** School re-opens for the Spring 1 Term

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (3:30pm):** End of the Spring 1 Term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024:** School re-opens for the Spring 2 Term

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (3:30pm):** End of the Spring 2 Term

### Summer Term

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024:** School re-opens for the Summer 1 Term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024:** May Day Bank Holiday – School closed

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (3:30pm):** End of the Summer 1 Term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024:** INSET Day – School closed

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024:** School re-opens for the Summer 2 Term

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (3:30pm):** End of the Summer 2 Term

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024:** INSET Day – School closed

