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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

It is wonderful to be back; the atmosphere across the school has been one of genuine care and joy at seeing friends! All the children have come back so settled and those with new teachers are forming lovely relationships.

### **Upcoming events – This Saturday**

We are delighted to share that we will be part of the Hucknall Community Day, in the Market Square, this Saturday. The choir will be singing at 10am and our stall will be near the Ukulele Group. There will be things to purchase, games to play and pictures of work as well as leaflets encouraging people to remember that great things come in little schools! It will go on until 3pm – we would love some help, so if you can spare an hour to be around, telling prospective parents what is fantastic about us that would be wonderful!

*We would really appreciate it if anyone can spare (for the day) a bubble blower or a pop-up gazebo! Please get in touch with Suzy if you can.*

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding an Autumn Fair/Open Day between 10-2pm. We will be inviting local businesses to hold stalls; there will be games, including a penalty shoot-out against The Hucknall Town FC Cat Mascot, have-a-go at Piano lessons with Mrs Gregory, a taster dance session with Believe Academy, Maypole dancing and lots of other activities. We will be showcasing the wonderful work of our children and inviting our community to learn more about who we are. We would love you to come.

If you feel you can host a stall, please get in touch via email to the School Office!

### **Wednesday 4th October**

This will be our Harvest Festival Celebration. We will be inviting the Hucknall Foodbank to come in to explain the difference that our donations make to them. Please could your child bring in a tin / packet of food or something from the Foodbank list.

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Welcome Service**

We will be holding our Welcome Service, for all our new Reception children, at St. Michael's Church, beginning at 9:15am. All welcome!

### **School Dinner Price Rise**

Unfortunately, we have been informed that there will be a price increase for school dinners from Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>. The cost for lunch will be £2.95. There will be no cost to children accessing free universal KS1 meals or to those who qualify for pupil premium.

## Pupil Premium

This is a support system to families who fulfil a set of criteria (see the link below). It provides schools with additional funding, meaning the child is entitled to free school meals and have the cost of trips/activities subsidised. If your circumstances have changed, or you believe your child/ren may be entitled to claim Pupil Premium funding, please get in touch with the office – even if your child is in KS1 and receiving free school meals. More information is on the website.

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/parents-guide-pupil-premium>

## Staff changes

We regret to inform you that Jeanette Severn-Meredith, our support assistant in Ash Class, left Linby at the end of the Summer Term. Jeanette has secured a full-time position, which she is looking forward to. While we are sad to see her go, we are so grateful for the support and care she displayed to us all. We wish her all the best in her new role. We are very pleased to inform you that Miss Gunn has taken on the role of support assistant and is already settling and forming strong relationships with the children in Ash.

Once again, we would like to express our gratitude to you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. It is through our collective efforts that we create a nurturing and stimulating environment for our children to thrive in.

Should you have any queries or would like to discuss any matter related to your child's education or well-being further, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher in the first instance, using Class Dojo.

Warmest regards,

Rachel Hodge and Natasha Murray

## Key Dates for your diary:

### Autumn 1 Half Term

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Y6 to PGL Caythorpe**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023:** Individual School Photographs

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023:** Open Day / Autumn Fair 10-2pm

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 3:30pm:** Open Evening. Parents welcome to come and meet class teachers.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023:** Welcome Service for Reception starters – all welcome

### Autumn 2 Half Term

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023:** Parent's Evening

#### KEY DATES



