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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a dramatic way to end the first half term of this academic year! It certainly was a wet one. This half term seems to have flown by and it is important to reflect on the exciting journey we have had so far. These past few weeks have been filled with learning, growth and a true sense of community spirit.

Round up of recent events

Throughout this half term, the children have experienced a variety of learning opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom.

In a joint trip with our friends at Hucknall National Primary School, our Year 6 children enjoyed a week's residential to PGL Caythorpe. What a fantastic time they had, making memories, learning new skills and nurturing friendship.

Click on the link to watch this year's Year 6 PGL video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBbmlYVA6_A&feature=youtu.be

Last week's Rockstar Day was a roaring success! The school was buzzing with energy as children and staff alike embraced the theme with enthusiasm and creativity. During the afternoon, our school transformed into a stage for budding musicians and performers. We hope the children were inspired by Jeff Rich's journey to success and realise that perseverance really does pay off.



It was lovely to welcome parents and carers into the classroom last week. We hope that this gave you the opportunity to find out more about your child's learning through seeing their learning environment and looking through their classwork. Our older children did an excellent job of giving their parents a class tour.

Thank you for all your support in the recent FLAPPS cake sale. Oak Class were first up with both parents and children doing an excellent job by keeping to the theme of Antarctica (the topic Oak Class are currently studying). There was a huge range of fabulously designed cakes. Whilst the total amount raised will not be shared until all classes have had their cake sale, we have been told that Oak Class have done 'pretty well'. All the money raised by FLAPPS will go back into school by providing opportunities for your children. Here are a selection of the cakes that were on offer:



Before and After School Club

Bookings: The before and after school club is now up and fully running. We ask that you book your place in the week prior to your child attending. This will ensure the sessions are staffed appropriately. Whilst we appreciate that sometimes, emergency places may be needed, we might not always have sufficient staffing to allow this to happen.

To book your child's place in before and after school club, please do this using the booking system on SCOPAY. Sessions need to be paid for in advance.

Please enter and exit the before and after school club through the school office. There is a doorbell to press which will alert the staff.

Timings: Morning sessions run from 7:45am– school start time. These are priced at £4.50 before 8am and £4 after 8am. We have cereal, toast and bagels on offer for breakfast.

Evening sessions run from 3:30pm – 6pm. These sessions are priced at £9 and include a snack e.g. wraps, bagels etc.

Tax-free childcare: We have signed up for the Government Tax-Free Child Care and you should be able to search for the school on their system. However, if you pay into a private scheme, please get in contact with us to make us aware of which scheme you are using. Where we can, we will register with them to allow you to pay for the club using this method.

Attendance and Holidays

We take pride in our excellent school attendance. Last year, our attendance for the year was 95%, which was above the national average. Attending school has a huge impact on your child's academic success starting from reception all the way through to when they leave school. Taking extended periods off school has a negative impact on your child's learning.

We are seeing a rise in the number of children who are being taken out of school during term time. Holidays during term time will be marked as an unauthorised absence. The government determines that 90% attendance and below is the measure for Persistent Absence (PA).

This table shows how many days missed each half term will make your child PA:

How many days off will make your child a persistent absence student?	
Autumn 1	3 ½ days off school from September until October half term holiday will make your child a PA student.
Autumn 1 - 2	7 days off school from September until the Christmas holiday will make your child a PA student.
Autumn 1 - Spring 1	10 days of absence from September until February half term will make your child a PA student.
Autumn 1 - Spring 2	12 ½ days of absence from September until the Easter holidays will make your child a PA student.
Autumn 1 - Summer 1	15 ½ days of absence from September until May half term will make your child a PA student.
Autumn 1 - Summer 2	19 days of absence for the full academic year (September to end of summer term in July) will make your child a PA student.

In line with our Attendance Policy, letters will be sent out to parents where there is a risk of their child being classed as persistently absent due to unauthorised absences.

Parents' Evening

Parent consultations will take place on Monday 13th November and Wednesday 15th November 2023. As well as talking to your child's class teacher, you will have the opportunity to look through your child's school books. Please contact the school office if you are unable to attend on either the 13th November or 15th November. We will work with you to find a date that will allow you to meet with your child's class teacher.

Your child's appointment is five minutes long. To ensure all appointments run in a timely manner, if you would like to discuss any additional issues with your child's teacher, a separate appointment will need to be made with them. This year, parent consultation appointments can be booked using SCOPAY. Further information on how to do this will be provided nearer to the time.

Communications

Emailing the school office: Now that we are part of SNMAT, the email address that you use to contact the school office has changed. If you need to email the school office, please use office@lcp.snmat.org.uk

Class Dojo: Class Dojo is now being used by all classes to communicate with parents. This system replaces the previous method of communication using the class email addresses. Therefore, if you need to contact your child's class teacher, please use Class Dojo. If you are not currently connected to your child's Class Dojo, please contact the school office and a login code will be given to you.



Please note that Class Dojo is not always checked throughout the school day as you child's class teacher will be teaching. If you need to contact your class teacher about an urgent matter or about drop off or pick up change, please contact the school office. Similarly, please report absences to the school office.

We will endeavour to respond to messages on Class Dojo in a timely manner. We do want to protect the wellbeing of staff and support their work-life balance, so messages may not be responded to during weekends, holidays and late at night.

Medication: If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day, please see Mrs Howe in the school office. You will be required to complete an Administering Medication at School form. For the safety of children, medication (excluding inhalers) should not be kept in the classroom.

This half term has been an extremely busy one. We do hope you have a restful half term break. Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

Rachel Hodge and Natasha Murray

Dates for your diary:

Friday 20th October 2023: Break up for half term

Monday 23rd October – Friday 3rd November 2023: Half term break

Autumn 2 Half Term

Monday 6th November 2023: School re-opens

Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th November 2023: Parents' Evening

Friday 17th November: Children in Need Day: Bring £1 - Wear what you like. Theme: Spots

Thursday 7th December 2023: The 12 Days of Christmas begins (more information to follow)

Wednesday 20th December 2023: Christmas Lunch

Friday 22nd December 2023: Break up for the Christmas break

KEY DATES

