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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your children back after what we hope was a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. It's been wonderful to see the happy faces of children returning to school, full of energy and excitement for the new year ahead.

We are pleased to share that the children have settled in smoothly, quickly adjusting to their new classes and routines. It's heartwarming to see classrooms filled with enthusiasm, as children engage in their learning with focus and determination. Teachers have shared how impressed they are with the effort and hard work already being shown!

Staffing Updates

Following the conclusion of our collaboration with Hucknall National Primary, we are excited to announce that we have taken on the role of Co-Headteachers. This new structure allows us to continue leading the school while remaining actively involved in teaching. We both have class commitments in Oak Class, which means we truly get the best of both worlds – guiding the school's direction while staying connected with children in the classroom.

We welcome three new members of the staff to the Linby Team. Mrs Flint has been appointed as a teaching assistant. She will be working in Elm Class this year. Mrs Flint has been a part of the Linby Family for many years in a voluntary capacity. Previously, she has worked for Nottinghamshire Police. Mrs Flint will also be taking on the role of Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead as well as being our appointed Attendance Officer.



Mr Kusiluka (Mr K) and Mrs Duffin have joined our lunch staff team. Both have settled in well and have already starting building positive relationships with the children.



School Office update

Please note that the school office opening hours have changed. The school office is now open from **08:45 to 15:55**.

We kindly ask that you consider the best way to contact the office depending on the urgency of your query. If the matter is urgent, please call us directly at **0115 9634282**. For non-urgent matters, we encourage you to send an email or send a message to the class teacher on Class Dojo so that we can respond more efficiently.

Uniform

We would like to remind everyone of the importance of ensuring that your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day. Taking pride in their appearance helps children feel part of the school community and promotes a positive learning environment. We appreciate your support in maintaining our uniform standards and helping children look their best.

Please note that leggings are not part of the school or P.E uniform. For P.E, children may wear green shorts or black jogging bottoms and a yellow t-shirt.

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**. Even if your child is in EYFS or KS1 and receiving universal free school meals, you may still be eligible for pupil premium funding. Children who are in receipt of pupil premium funding, also currently receive subsidised school trips and music lessons.

More information can be found on our school website: https://linby.notts.sch.uk/?page_id=3882

To check eligibility, please click on the following link:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 1st October

Harvest Festival Celebration – We will be taking all the food donations to the Hucknall Foodbank. Later in the term, Yvonne from the Foodbank will come into school to explain the difference that our donations make to them. Some children from Oak Class will then visit the foodbank to help them to stock their shelves. You are more than welcome to come to our Harvest Service at 9am on Tuesday 1st October, Please could your child bring in a tin / packet of food or something from the Foodbank list.

The Foodbank are always in need of produce. At a time of a cost of living crisis, they would welcome any donation, but have provided some ideas.

Tins of carrots / potatoes
Tins of tuna
Tins of spaghetti hoops
Tins of fruit
Tins of custard / rice pudding
Coffee / tea / semi-skimmed UHT milk
Cereal
Shampoo / wash powder / washing up liquid / shower gel



Wednesday 2nd October

Open Classroom and Meet the Teacher - On Wednesday 2nd October, parents are warmly invited into their child's classroom from 3:30pm – 4:00pm. This will give you the opportunity to look around your child's learning environment, look at some their work and have an informal chat with their class teacher(s) and support staff. We look forward to meeting you and working with you this year.

Tuesday 8th October

Photographs - School individual and sibling photographs will take place on Tuesday 8th October in the morning. Please make sure your child attends school in their school uniform. If your child has P.E, please ensure they bring their P.E kit into school in a bag. They will change into this after they have had their photograph taken.

Wednesday 13th November

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

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and guardians for your ongoing support. Your partnership is invaluable in helping us create a positive and nurturing environment for our children. Together, we can ensure a successful and enjoyable year ahead for all.

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



Key Dates for your diary:

Autumn 1 Half Term

Tuesday 1st October 2024 9am: Harvest Festival (at school)

Wednesday 2nd October 2024 3:30pm: Open Classroom: Parents welcome to come and meet class teachers.

Tuesday 8th October 2024: Individual School Photographs

Monday 14th - Friday 18th October 2024: Y6 to PGL Caythorpe Residential

Friday 18th October 2024: Break up for autumn half term break.

Autumn 2 Half Term

Monday 4th November 2024: Return to school – Autumn 2 half term

Wednesday 13th November 2024: Welcome Service for Reception starters – all welcome

Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th November 2024: Parent's Evening (more information follow)

Friday 6th December 2024: Whole school visit to the pantomime, Mansfield Palace Theatre (more information to follow).

Friday 20th December 2024: Break up for the Christmas Holidays

INSET Days (school closed for pupils) 2024/2025:

Monday 24th February 2025

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

