

# November 2023



## Message from Mrs Mathie

This really is one of my favourite terms in school. Although this half term is a particularly long one, it is filled with lots of fun activities, nativity performances, festivities and of course our amazing pantomime – Snow White. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show and the company commented on how fabulous our children were and how much they enjoy returning to us every year!

We also have much more taking place over the coming weeks and many more opportunities for our parents and carers to be back in school such as our Year 3 Christmas Performance, Reception Nativities, Year 1 and 2 Carol Concert and the PTFA Christmas Fayre (with Santa's Grotto). Not forgetting Christmas Lunch and Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day which is also so enjoyable and it really does get us all in the Christmas Spirit.

## Botheredness

We welcomed back Hywel Roberts last week to work with children and staff to enhance our curriculum in ensuring children are 'bothered' in their learning and develop these wider skills.

You may have seen some of the amazing work taking place via Class Dojo, particularly the Dragon Poetry in Year 3 – the children were mesmerised, it was a pleasure to see how captivated they were and how inspirational it was for them.

## PTFA

I would like to welcome our new PTFA committee who have recently taken over and wish them well for their many fundraising activities taking place over the coming weeks. The work that this team does really is fabulous and it enables so many fantastic opportunities for our children.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Becki and Angela who (after many years) have made the decisions to hand over the reins. Their hard work and commitment to their roles really was incredible and we are very grateful for all of their support.

## Road Safety

A number of concerns have been raised about parking near school, particularly on Outlands Drive.

As a result, we contacted Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and our local PCSO to assist us in improving this for the safety of our children and the local community.

I would like to remind all parents to please park safely and courteously at all times and not to pull in to school entrances in order to drop your child. As always, your support is very much appreciated!

## Personal Achievements

We love to hear of what our children are up to out of school and any extra-curricular achievements of which they are particularly proud. Please share these with us so that we can celebrate their achievements on our website. Email a picture of them (please ensure that no other children are visible) along with a brief explanation as to what they have received, to the main office email address for us to post and sing their praises!

## JRSOs

Since the start of this academic year, our Year 6 Junior Road Safety Officers - Samuel, Lauren and Ashton - have been busy sharing important pedestrian safety messages with children.

They delivered their first assembly during October's Walk to School Month to remind children of the Green Cross Code. More recently, they have visited individual classes sharing the importance of 'Be Bright, Be Seen' ahead of Road Safety Week. To help our children to be seen by drivers during these winter months, the JRSOs have been provided with reflective stickers from Leicestershire County Council. Your child should now have been given one by their class teacher.

Please encourage your child to wear it on their coat, especially during these dark winter days. Our JRSOs are hoping to share a competition with you after Christmas, so please keep a look out. We would like to finish by thanking our JRSOs for their efforts so far this academic year.

## Christmas Lunch

You should have received a letter home about our Christmas Lunch taking place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December (also Christmas Jumper Day). Please ensure that you complete and return the slip before Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December to place your child's order. Please also ensure that you have sufficient credit on their School Gateway account.

## Site Safety

As the weather starts to turn colder over the coming weeks, I would like to remind all pupils and visitors to our site to remain on the main pathways.

Our premises team work hard to keep these pathways clear and gritted to keep everyone safe. Please also ensure that children are not using the play equipment/astro turf before and after school as this is not monitored by staff.

## Key Dates

<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November:</b>	September 2024 Intake/Prospective Reception Open Evening.
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December:</b>	PTFA Christmas Fayre
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	RKV Nativity Performance
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	RLB Nativity Performance KS1 Christingle Service
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	RMJ Nativity Performance PTFA Discos
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	KS1 Carol Concert
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	Y3 Christmas Performance
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December:</b>	<b>Final day of term.</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024:</b>	Staff INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	<b>School opens to pupils</b>

\*Times for all events can be found on the school website, will be sent home via letter or Class Dojo