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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Children in Need**

Thank you for your donations in support of Children in Need – as a school we raised a wonderful £60.60!

### **Trip to Bomber Command**

The Owls trip to Bomber Command took place last Thursday and was, by all accounts, a very interesting day out. The children were guided through the peace gardens and memorials where they were able to find the name of young 'Billy' Akrell, whose life and loss as a RAF navigator in the War, they've been studying. The children saw a reconstructed Anderson Shelter, had time in the exhibition, and the day was rounded off with an excellent workshop with hands on experience with RAF uniform and kit, and other artefacts from the time. Thursday's trip followed on from a visit by Ann Akrell, Billy's niece, last Wednesday, who very kindly donated her time to share with the Owls some of Billy's art work, his letters and medals.

### **Build-up to Christmas**

We are rapidly approaching one of the busiest times of the school year and I thought it would be helpful to let you know what is planned in school over the next 2/3 weeks of the term:

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - there will be no P.E due to the Nativity rehearsals, please can children wear their normal uniform.
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity at the Church starting at 9.30am.
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Mince Pies and Hot Drinks at school immediately after the Nativity in school – **all welcome, please join us** in the Hall.
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1-6 School Trip to the Pantomime in Newark to see Snow White (please remember to provide your child with a packed lunch if you haven't ordered one). There will be no Nursery that day.
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Celebration Assembly at 9.15am.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper/Party clothes day, with Christmas Dinner followed by a Christmas Party. It is also the last day of term.
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – school reopens to all for the new term.

## **School Dinners Increase**

Confirmation that the increase in the cost of school dinners from £2.55 to £2.95 per meal took effect yesterday (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December), as advised by Mrs Watt in her email dated 21<sup>st</sup> November. This change does not affect your child/ren if they are in receipt of free school meals, or in Reception, or KS1, where they are covered by the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme.

## **School Admissions for September 2024**

A quick reminder that the application window for parents/carers with children due to start in Reception in Nottinghamshire schools in September 2024, is now open and closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Applications are made directly with Nottinghamshire County Council, who are running some parent sessions across the county in December to provide parents/carers with key information about the admissions process. Details are attached – please contact school if you require any further information.

## **Wrap Around Care and Extra-Curricular Activities**

Thank you for your support of our extra-curricular activities and clubs – the Lego club has proved to be very popular with the children, and a letter with details of what's on offer after Christmas will be issued before the end of term.

Finally, our Healthy Family Team have been in contact with us with information for parents/carers about the services and support they offer families and young people aged 0-19. We have attached their leaflet for your information.

Thank you for your support.



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