



# Lockington CE VC Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are fast approaching Christmas – a little elf is making a regular appearance in Class 1 and a huge tree and Christmas decorations are up in school. We have two full weeks left until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, when we break up after a long autumn term – Christmas shopping might have to wait until the January sales! There is a lot to do in school in the meantime.

## Rudolph Run

The Rudolph Run, in aid of Dove House Hospice and organised by Mrs Trueman, was a brilliant event earlier this week, with all the pupils joining in. We are delighted with the effort and generous response in aid of this very worthy cause. Donations are still coming in and we will let you know how much has been raised as soon as we have a total. Thank you to all involved!

## School Strategic Plan

Governors met last night and agreed the school strategic plan for this year, building upon some excellent attainment and progress outcomes in 2023, well above national and local outcomes (which we are unable to share due to the small size of our cohort). To summarise, our main foci will be, in line with our Christian Vision, “Let your light shine before others” (Matthew 5:16):

- Continue to build upon our strengths, such as mathematics and writing, especially with our youngest children; focus on spelling and continue to shape our curriculum, especially our Early Years.
- Continue to promote outstanding behaviour and attitudes and provide support for those who may find barriers to this.
- Develop pupils’ confidence, resilience and knowledge to support mental and physical health and work towards the Healthy School Award.
- Continue to develop our church school ethos in line with the SIAMS framework (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools).

Governors also expressed their congratulations and thanks.

## Christmas Productions

We are looking forward to our Christmas Production next week, with the dress rehearsal today and performances next week. The first performance begins at **2pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - doors will open at **1.50pm**. The second performance begins at **6pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. For the second performance, please bring pupils to their **external classroom door** between **5.30pm and 5.40pm** to get changed into costumes. Parents/carers should then make their way to



the front entrance to sign in and take their seats in the hall. No tickets are needed. There will be a collection towards the cost of the production. The Friends of Lockington School committee have organised a Christmas Hamper Raffle, which will take place at both productions. Tickets are £1 and are on sale just before the performance starts. The draw will take place at the end of the performance. We do ask that we have no late arrivals, the audience applauds and shows their appreciation and encouragement and all phones and devices are switched off please. Recordings, photos etc. are not permitted for safeguarding reasons.

### **Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day**

This will take place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their normal school jumper just for fun and will all be enjoying Christmas dinner, joined by some of our governors too!

### **Beverley Parkway Pantomime**

For the Beverley Parkway visit on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, please provide your child with a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks or nuts please). If your child receives free school meals (Class 1 and some children in Class 2) then a school packed lunch is available. However, please let us know if your child would prefer to bring their own packed lunch, preferably via email, by **Tuesday**.

### **Children's Christmas Disco and Party**

This is a Christmas treat for all of our children on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** between **6pm and 7.30pm**, and takes place in the school hall. Little Lights are included too, accompanied by a parent, although other parents are not expected to accompany their child. Hotdogs and refreshments are provided by The Friends of Lockington School.

### **Christingle Service**

Please provide your child with an orange on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, which they will use to make a Christingle for the service that takes place at St Mary's Church on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**. We are delighted that Rev Richard will be leading the service this year.

### **Achievements from Home**

This is an opportunity on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** for your child to share with the rest of the school things they have achieved out of school – sports awards, badges awarded at clubs they attend, certificates for volunteering etc.

### **Singing in the Village Hall**

The children have been invited to sing for members of the community who attend the church coffee morning in the Village Hall on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. It is a lovely opportunity for our children to spread a little joy around the village! You have done a brilliant job of sending the children to school in the right kit for the weather, so please check the weather forecast on Thursday morning to find out if its wellies and waterproofs that day! I expect it will be a warm coat and gloves day.



## Achievements Assembly

This begins at **2pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**. Doors open at **1.50pm**. We will look forward to seeing lots of you there, on the final day of the year in school

The Friends are planning a Christmas raffle at the achievements assembly with a wonderful range of prizes including wooden handmade children's items, local artisan gin, patisserie chocolates, handmade decorations etc. kindly donated by local businesses. Ongoing support is very much appreciated to maintain the fundraising success of the Friends of Lockington. More details to follow.

## Attendance

With the cold weather well and truly upon, thoughts may be turning to drinks by the pool and the holiday season. With this in mind, please remember term-time holidays can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. East Riding Local Authority has assigned an Education Welfare Officer to each school to review attendance termly. Please be aware that penalty notices are being issued by the council for term time holidays. Please see the council's website for information about exceptional circumstances. <https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-attendance/holidays-during-term-time-and-authorised-absence-from-school>

## Absence Reporting

If your child is ill, please call school to let us know before 9.15am on the day of absence. Please also ensure we have at least two up-to-date phone numbers where we can contact you in case of emergency or if we have to follow up unreported absences.

## Parking outside of School

Sadly, parking continues to be an issue concerning many of us. As I have reiterated many times, we rely on our parents/carers to maintain the good relationship we have with the village and one another by parking in a way that is safe, not just convenient for one person. Parking on paths restricts pedestrian access, as does parking close to the school entrance and corner of Rectory View. It is imperative that parents/carers park in a way so that pedestrians – our children - can walk on paths, not be forced onto the road, especially with the darker nights upon us. The Highways Department will not make any changes with our current record of no accidents; I have written to the Parish Council and await a response. It takes consideration and care for others to ensure we are all safe, happy and not feeling vulnerable.

Thank you as ever for all your support. Wishing you a very good weekend.

Yours sincerely



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