



# Lockington CE VC Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

With Christmas just five days away, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your contribution to our school this year, and take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Christmas Production

The children's nativity, 'Superstar' was attended by an audience of over a hundred parents, carers, friends and families on Thursday evening last week and almost as many on the Tuesday afternoon. It was a sparkling performance, receiving wonderful comments. The singing, which included a beautiful solo, was of a very high standard, the choreography and acting were very entertaining and the children learnt their lines beautifully. Well done to all involved: children, families, staff and teachers, who always go the extra mile. A powerful message was delivered by our children and it was wonderful to see all of them, from three year olds to eleven year olds, playing their part. Thank you to the FOLS who provided 'flash' new costumes, including twinkling tutus! Thank you also for your contributions to the collection – almost £180 was raised, which will cover the costs of licences, scripts and music.

On Thursday morning the children made their Christmas visit to the Village Hall, invited by the church wardens, to sing carols and songs from the Christmas production to members of the community at their coffee morning. They sang beautifully and were great ambassadors for the school. Once again, 'they did us all proud'.

## Friends of Lockington School

A big thank you to 'The Friends of Lockington School'. Their Christmas party on Tuesday included a visit by Father Christmas, a feast of Christmas party food, party games and a gift for each child to place under the Christmas tree! Thank you also to DJ Wayne and the teachers who stayed behind to help.

Pupils also visited the Parkway Cinema to see the pantomime, Snow Queen, on Tuesday and had a great time.


## Church School

Our Christingle Service on Wednesday was another super experience, with Christingles beautifully lighting the church and tuneful singing by the children. Lots of family and friends were in attendance. Thank you for your support in helping to create this occasion – including the provision of oranges! Thank you also to Reverend Richard and Dr and Mrs Parr for helping to make this such an enjoyable event.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to the sixteen pupils who achieved 100% attendance this term. Your support in continuing to ensure good attendance and punctuality is very much appreciated. Our target for the whole school is





97%. Congratulations also go to the pupil who will win a £10 book token for 100% attendance in our prize draw this afternoon. Please do your best to support your child's attendance to avoid gaps in learning.

### **Housekeeping**

Please ensure pupils belongings are clearly labelled – biro washes out quickly so permanent marker or labels are needed. Matching unlabelled clothes to children is currently almost a daily occurrence in Class 1 and very time consuming, especially with these younger, less independent children. If your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied back and that hair accessories are in school colours. School shoes should be black and indoor shoes should be black plimsolls, not trainers or Crocs. Socks or tights should be white, black, grey or navy and not sheer. Nail varnish and jewellery is not suitable for school, although for children with pierced ears a stud is permitted - this should be removed on PE days. Please help us to maintain our consistent school uniform standards.

Lost property is placed in the school entrance. None of these items are labelled with names and will be suitably disposed of at the end of each term as we do not have space to keep them indefinitely.

Please also look at home for reading books that have not been returned and ensure these are sent back to school. These are the property of the school, expensive and time consuming to monitor and replace, and leave gaps in the continuity of our reading schemes.

### **Dates for Next Term**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January Pupils return to school

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January SATS meeting for Year 6 parents (middle room with Mrs Cattle)

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> January Deadline for applications to LA for new starters in September

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January Second instalment for Key Stage 2 Residential Visit is due

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January Road Safety: scooter training for Year 2, pedestrian training for Year 4 and 'Moving Up' talk for Year 6

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January Phonics meeting for parents of pupils in Class 1 (classroom 1 with Miss Peacock)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February Last day of half term

More dates will be added as events are finalised.

Wishing you a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year. Enjoy the holidays!

Yours sincerely



Mrs Julie Cattle

Headteacher