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**Newsletter Monday 5 December 2016**

**Attendance**

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GROUP	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	SCHOOL
<b>2015 – 2016</b>	94.59%	94.47%	95.20%	96.21%	97.39%	97.63%	97.24%	96.56%
<b>Term 1</b>	97.14%	96.73%	98.57%	99.81%	97.64%	94.67%	98.89%	97.37%
<b>Week 1</b>	88.89%	90.63%	100.0%	100.0%	97.73%	96.43%	90.38%	94.23%
<b>Week 2</b>	88.89%	100.0%	100.0%	97.50%	90.91%	99.29%	100.0%	96.46%
<b>Week 3</b>	94.44%	97.50%	100.0%	90.00%	100.0%	97.14%	99.23%	96.92%
<b>Week 4</b>	100.0%	98.75%	100.0%	96.25%	91.82%	100.0%	96.92%	97.38%
<b>Week 5</b>	100.0%	97.50%	100.0%	100.0%	90.91%	100.0%	96.92%	97.54%

**THE ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 97.5%**

**Thought for the Week:**

*"Dreams come a size too big so that we can grow into them." Josie Bisset*

**Christmas Cakes for Refreshments**

Thank you to the people who have offered to provide refreshments for the productions. If you haven't yet volunteered it is not too late as we can never have too many cakes!

**Christmas Raffle Prizes**

We are very grateful for the raffle prizes that have been donated so far. We are particularly fortunate that there will be a Poultry Raffle on both days, that is two Christmas Dinners sorted! Prizes are still being collected and there is a box near the sandwich trolley.

**Christmas Production Tickets**

These have now been distributed.

**Christmas Pantomime Donations**

The deadline has now passed. Mrs Ecob will make contact to chase any outstanding permission slips directly.

**Farm Kitchen Christmas Lunch**

This will be served on Monday 19 December 2016. Anyone wishing to order the Christmas Lunch will need to do so by the previous **Tuesday, 13 December 2016.**

**Race Night**

Thank you to the ladies who attended Race Night on behalf of the school. Deepings Round Table has agreed that all charities will receive a cheque for at least £250.00 which will be a great help for our outdoor learning area.

**Children's Red Post Box**

This will be available for Christmas Cards. Please make sure that you put the child's name and class on the front. With regret, we are unable to provide lists of names for parents.

**A timely reminder . . .**

The news is still dominated by the safeguarding scandal surrounding football coaches. It is a sad fact of life that adults who seek to abuse children can come from all walks of life and can operate anywhere. It is our duty as a school to keep all our children safe. We follow the local authority recommended framework which identifies named people to be responsible for child protection and safeguarding. Mrs Bandey is the Safeguarding Lead at our school.

**Safeguarding:**

- Protects children from maltreatment
- Prevents impairment of children's health or development
- Ensures that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care and
- Takes action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

Child Protection is a part of Safeguarding and promoting welfare. It refers to the activity that is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm.

We believe that we have a safe learning environment where children feel able to speak to any adult about anything that is worrying them. Ofsted agreed. We always listen carefully to children and take what they say seriously. We keep a log of our concerns and if there is a possibility that a child is at risk of harm we make a referral to children's services because we are required to do so as a part of our statutory duty. Usually, we can discuss the referral with parents before we make the call but there could be circumstances where we need to act without making parents aware. Children's services will then ask for a written report from the school and advise a course of action to be taken. There is always a risk that the school could cause offence to families by making referrals but it is the safety of the child that is our most important consideration and our only motivation for making the call.

Sometimes we are approached because a parent has witnessed something happening to a child out of school. We would encourage everyone to feel confident to report any concerns about the safety of a child **directly** to Lincolnshire's Children's Services Customer Services Centre on 01522 782111 or 01522 782333 out of hours. The team are very supportive and will guide you through the process.

There are special procedures for allegations against adults working with children and these are managed by Local Authority Designated Officers. If the concerns are about a person working at a school then the headteacher should be the first contact but in the event that the complaint is against the headteacher, the chair of governors should be contacted.

All adults working in school have to be DBS cleared before they are able to work with children. This means that checks have been made on databases to ensure that there are no links to crimes involving children.

If your child attends a club at another venue then you should expect that all leaders will be DBS checked and that the Club will have a Safeguarding Policy. Although you may feel awkward, it is better to ask questions than put your child at risk. Ask to see them and if they are not available then you may wish to consider why not.

There is more information available about the range of service available to support parents on the Local Authority website:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents>