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Thursday 28th November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are quickly approaching that very exciting time of year. I am beginning to hear the wonderful sounds of EYFS and Year 1 as they begin to practise their Christmas production. We are half way through a very busy term and there have been many events already. We are very proud of the children's increasing commitment to sport and exercise within school and we are currently in joint first position on the Elite schools sport rankings of 20 schools. Children throughout the school are enjoying deepening their knowledge, within all subject areas in our new curriculum. Class 7 demonstrated this in their wonderful assembly last Friday; many were impressed with their knowledge of The Fens!

There will be some farewells to be said at the end of this term and some welcomes to new staff. Miss Duncan, in Year 1 is leaving to make some decisions about the next steps in her career. Mrs Morgan, who currently teaches in Spalding Primary School, will teach Class 3 for term 3 as Miss Featherstone, the new teacher is unable to join us until term 4. We are looking forward to her joining our team then. Miss Read is taking a career break from teaching and Mr Cartwright, an experienced Year 3 teacher, will be joining us as the new teacher of Class 8. Mrs Dobbs is leaving to pursue her role as SENDco in pastures new and we are delighted that Miss Pentney will be returning to us to job share with Mrs Grummitt. Miss Bailey in Class 14 is leaving, as she has taken a job to be much nearer to her home. Mrs Pledger, an experienced Year 6 teacher, will be the new teacher of Class 14. Despite the farewells we will be saying, we hope you will join us in warmly welcome new members to our teaching team. We will be saying farewell and congratulations to Mrs Greetham, as she retires after being a Teaching Assistant at our school for over 25 years. We wish Mrs Greetham a wonderful and happy retirement and she leaves us all with many wonderful memories of her care and compassion for so many children over the years.

We have many events to look forward to at the end of term and we have included them in the dates below. We are looking forward to our lighting of the Christmas tree event on Friday 6th December, where we are hoping you will be able to step into your child's classroom, share their learning with them and take part in the Christmas hamper draw in each classroom. We will then enjoy lighting the Christmas tree and have refreshments together in the school hall, as Young Voices sing to us.

Unfortunately, in view of recent events, we have had to take advice from our County road safety officer. An alternative walking route to the Church was suggested, where we do not have to stop the traffic. Having now walked the route at the time of the service, we are not confident to use this as an alternative route, for many reasons, including the time it would take for the whole school to use the pelican crossing near The Bull pub. Until we can find a solution, we will not be able to walk to the Church, so we have asked Rev Sweeting to deliver a Christmas Service to the whole school during the last week of term. We are sorry that you will not be able to join us for this service, due to numbers in



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the hall. Our priority is the safety of the children, so we will continue to strive to resolve this. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Diary dates:

Friday 6th December 2019: Lighting the Christmas event starting at 3:15pm.

Tuesday 10th December 2019: 1:30pm and 6:30pm EYFS and Year 1 Christmas production to parents.

The children will need to be back in school at 6:00pm in order to be ready for the 6:30pm performance

Thursday 12th December 2019: Christmas Dinner day

Friday 13th December 2019: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Discos

Monday 16th December 2019: Endeavour Assembly

Thursday 19th December 2019: End of term 3.

Monday 6th January 2020: Term 3 begins.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,

Mrs T L Vayro

Head of School.