



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Today is a frenzy of glitter in school as it is our annual 'Decoration Day'. The children have made an assortment of Christmas decorations and the school looks very festive now.

I have been asked by lots of parents if Strictly can be an event for parents to come and watch. We have decided that this will stay an event just for the children. The reason for this is that we want as many children as possible to feel comfortable and able to join in, we know that if there was an adult audience this would change the dynamic and that many children would choose not to dance. I hope you understand and appreciate our reasons.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs J Scallon

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported our successful Children in Need day. The School Council and Anti-Bullying Representatives did a great job of organising the day. We raised £204.11 Special thank you to Edward for creating the competition winner's certificates.

LRI Collection

Usually at this time of year we hold a collection for the Carpenter's Arms, however, you may have seen on the nes that they are no longer collecting food for their foodbank. We still feel that being compassionate at this time of year is important, so we would like you sto support a collection for the Children's Ward at Leicester Royal Infirmary. They have asked for monetary donations or

More information is attached with this newsletter. Should you wish to support this charity at Christmas, please have your item in school by **Friday 13th December** for us to deliver them.

Friday 6th December	Whole School	Elf Day
Monday 9th Dec	EYFS	Nativity 2pm
Wed 11th Dec	Year 1 and 2	Nativity 2pm
Friday 13th December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13th December	KS2	Sleepover 6:30pm
Wed 18th December	EYFS and KS1	SnowDome visit
Thursday 19th Dec	Whole School	Carol Service 9:30am
Fri 20th Dec 3:15 pm	Whole School	School closes for Christmas
Monday 6th Jan	Whole School	Training Day -School closed for children
Tuesday 7th Jan 8:50am	Whole School	School opens

Each Amazing Breath—Take 5

We have started our school mindfulness and resilience building work and so far it is having a positive impact. The children are being very receptive to the sessions.

Thank you to the PTA for paying for this programme for the school.

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### Coats

As the weather is becoming much colder and wetter please can your child bring their coat to school everyday. We do endeavour to get the children outside at playtimes and lunchtimes for some fresh air and they need to have their coats.

Also, please can children have a jumper and tracksuit bottoms in their PE kits for when they have PE outside.

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### Nut Free School

A reminder that we are a 'nut-free' school. We do have children within school who have severe nut allergies. We would like to ask you to check labels of snack items and lunchboxes to make sure you are not adding items which have nuts in them, for example Nutella or peanut butter in sandwiches. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

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## **ParentPay - our new online payment service for School Lunches**

We are pleased to announce that after the Christmas break we will be accepting payments online for **dinner money**. **Please can you sign up for Parent Pay if your child currently has free school meals in Classes 1 and 2, as this will be the new way that we inform the kitchen of the dinner numbers each day, so every child needs to be registered.**

Using a secure website called **ParentPay** you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. **ParentPay** will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

### **What are the benefits to parents and pupils?**

**ParentPay** is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7

The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind

Payments can be made by credit/debit card or cash payments at one of 33,000 PayPoint stores

full payment histories and statements are available to

you securely online at anytime

Your children will not have to worry about losing money at school

Parents / Carers can choose to be alerted when their balances are low via email and/or SMS text

### **What are the benefits to our school?**

The more parents / carers that use **ParentPay**, the greater the benefit is to our school.

You can help us reduce workloads for all staff, creating more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school.

Using **ParentPay** also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises.

### **How to get started with ParentPay**



If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to:

<https://www.parentpay.com/parents/>

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### Open Morning

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who joined us for our open morning. We will be planning another one for the coming term.

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### Christmas Jumper Day

We would like to invite the children to wear Christmas Jumpers or festive wear on Friday 13th December. This is the final day for our collection for the Children's Ward at the LRI, although children do not have to donate to wear their festive clothing.