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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our Harvest Festival and Macmillan Coffee Morning on 27th September where together we raised £125.00, and thanks also to those of you who attended our Grandparents Day lunch last Friday. We hope you enjoyed both events.

Lincoln City Football

You will be aware that Lincoln City Football Club coaches are coming into school every Thursday at the moment to work with all our children. Thursday mornings are a very popular point in the week for the children, as they really enjoy their time with Coach James. As well as providing the children with some extra specialist coaching though, Lincoln City have also given School two season tickets for the 2024-2025 - one adult ticket and a junior seated next to each other. We know there are some avid football fans in school and so we hope that collectively we can make use of this opportunity. We are also planning a visit to Lincoln City Football ground in the Spring Term.

In the meantime, if you would like to make use of the season tickets, we have created a schedule of home games which is attached and all you have to do is let us know which match you would like to attend. There should be sufficient numbers for most children to attend a game. Allocations will have to operate on a 'first come first served' basis. The tickets will need to be collected from the Office, signed for, and returned the following working school day. Just to give you a flavour of what is available, Lincoln City play Birmingham City on 19th October, and are playing Stockport City on 26 October.

Attendance

This September revised government statutory guidance has come into force in all schools, in an attempt to improve national school attendance rates. Guidance now states that schools should not authorise attendance for recreational purposes such as a holiday in almost all circumstances. Furthermore, any child of school age is deemed to be 'persistently absent' if they miss ten sessions or more in a rolling period of ten school weeks. A session is a morning or afternoon in school.

An unauthorised holiday in term time of the duration of 5 days or more is therefore more likely to be subject to a fixed term penalty fine payable by each parent of £80 if paid within 21 days and £160 if paid within 28 days. We will be keen to offer support to all families when a student's attendance drops below 90% for any reason.

Our pupils' attendance at North Clifton Primary is good and I am grateful for the continued support of all parents, but please do think carefully before you book any recreational time away in term time.

Our Attendance Policy has been revised to reflect the new statutory guidance on attendance in school and was adopted by Governors on 9th October 2024. The new policy will be on our school website by the end of next week. An information sheet summarising the changes is attached and we hope this will be a helpful guide to parents and carers.

Golden Assembly

Our first Golden Assembly of the academic year takes place next Monday morning at 9.15am (14th October). Please invite friends and family to join us celebrate the achievements of the children so far this term.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening is next week. Mrs Sanderson (Robins) and Miss Wright (Owls) will be available to parents/carers on Tuesday evening – 15th October, and Mrs Hyde (Owls) on Thursday evening – 17th October. To book an appointment, please see the appointment sheets in the Office Area. Appointments start at 3.50pm.

Curriculum Autumn Term 2

One of the comments from the last parent survey that was that parents/carers would appreciate knowing what topics the children were studying in school each term. The Owls are already studying 'The Victorians' as their topic and will continue this with an additional unit on life in our school during this period and a trip that the whole school will be going on to Newstead Abbey later in December. The trip will explore the joys and pleasures of a traditional Victorian Christmas. Further details on this will follow after half term.

The Robins will continue studying 'fire' as their theme and in particular the Great Fire of London. Full curriculum details for every subject taught are available on the school website under the Curriculum Section.

Dates for your diary:– Non Uniform Day 18th October

Next Friday (18th October) is 'Show Racism Red Card' Day and we would like to invite all children to come into school in non-uniform wearing some form of red clothing.

Below are the key dates so far for Autumn Term 1 and Term 2: (additions are in green)

Autumn Term 1

Monday 14th October - Golden Assembly (9.15am)

Tuesday 15th October - Parents Evening: Miss Wright – Owls (3.50pm start) **and**

Mrs Sanderson – Robins (3.50pm start)

Thursday 17th October - Parents Evening – Mrs Hyde for the Owls (3.50pm start)

Friday 18th October - Wear Red Day (non-uniform): "Show Racism the Red Card" **and** Halloween Disco **and** Last Day of Term

October Half term holiday w.c. 21st October and w.c. 28th October

Autumn Term 2

- Monday 4th November - School re-opens
- Friday 8th November - Dogs Trust Visit (am)
- Wednesday 13th November - Library Bus Visit
- Friday 15th November - Children in Need
- Monday 18th November – School Open Day (9.30am to 12noon & 1.30pm to 3pm)
- Thursday 5th December – Victorian Classroom Experience: History of our School
- Tuesday 10th December - School Trip to Newstead Abbey: Victorian Christmas (Reception to Year 6)
- Wednesday 11th December - Library Bus Visit
- Thursday 12th December – Nat. Child Measurement Programme Years Reception & Year 6 only
- Friday 13th December - Nativity Performance in the Church (9.30am)
- Tuesday 17th December - School Trip to Pantomime: Palace Theatre Newark (Reception to Year 6)
- Thursday 19th December - Christmas Dinner **and** Golden Assembly (3.00pm)
- Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term

School will re-open after the Christmas Holidays on Monday 6th January.

Thank you for your support,

Ilona Sanderson
Head Teacher

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