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## Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Bazaar on Saturday. School really appreciates all the effort people from the school and local community put in to raise funds for the PTFA. As you all know, the PTFA are trying to raise funds to purchase some more I-pads this year as well as the regular things they fund. Sometimes companies who parents work for are happy to match-fund fundraising like this. It may be worth asking if your company has any such schemes.

The pantomime, Cinderella at Loughborough Town Hall, was up to its usual high standard. The children behaved well and I am sure they enjoyed this very British Cultural event. Thank you to the PTFA for funding the coach meaning the only cost to parents was the ticket for the theatre.

The fruit of all the hard work from class 1 and class 2 was seen this week in the Nativity. It was lovely to see the children show so much confidence in delivering their lines and singing. You could really see how much they and the audience enjoyed it. Well done. Also, a big thank you to the school staff for helping the children realise their potential. It's all packed away ready for next year!

Class 4's Enterprise month has come to an end. The children have learnt many important things for the future about how business works, marketing, product design, manufacturing and handling money. They have also built character by thinking of others and raising vital funds for Cancer Research UK. In total, the children raised £719.43 not bad for a £200 investment! Thank you for all your support.

Class 1 have been florists today! They have created some amazing displays to share with their parents. A huge thank you to Charlie's mum and Poppy's mum for demonstrating this and providing everything they needed.

## This coming week will be a busy but exciting one.

We are going Ice Skating on Monday straight after the children have eaten their lunches. All the school is going. Please ensure the children come to school wearing trousers or joggers, their school jumper/cardigan, a coat, socks and gloves. We will return to school for normal pick-up time.

On Tuesday Class 1 and Class 2 have their Christmas Party. Thank you to the PTFA for funding this. We are hoping to have a very special guest with presents at it. The children should come in party clothes. Please remember though that they will have outdoor playtimes etc so nothing too flimsy.

On Thursday, we have the school Christmas Dinner. Only children whose dinner was booked on time will be served. If you have sent in your reply after the deadline you will have been informed of this and need to send

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (Matthew chapter 7 verse 24, NIV)

your child with a packed lunch. (School Food Service have insisted on this procedure). All the children may come in Christmas jumpers on that day. We have the Christmas crackers ready for everyone!

If you have not already sent in money for your child's Christmas craft please do so as soon as possible so that we can send it home before the end of term.

The week ends appropriately with the Carol Service in Church on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. All our welcome to join us. The children will be leading and taking part in the service and Peter Harrison will be giving a short talk. Please join us to celebrate this most special time of the year. Parents will be able to collect their children from school soon after the service should they wish to or leave them until the normal pickup time. Children in class 4 who can normally walk home on their own will need collecting if they are going home early or will be kept until normal pickup time.

## **Local Notices**

All Saints Church Notices: The Christmas Tree Festival is open from 4-6pm on selected dates in December (6, 7, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 24). The Village Carol service will be on 14th December at 4.30 and Christmas Eve communion will be at 10pm on 24th December.

*Thurlaston Chapel Notices:* The Candlelit Carol Service is on 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm and their Christmas Day service is on 25<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am.

All our welcome to any of the events run by the church or chapel.

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Yours sincerely

**Gavin Beetham** 

## Provisional Dates for your Diary

Christmas Holiday – 20 <sup>th</sup>
December to 4 <sup>th</sup> January
05-01-26 - First Day of Term
Half Term – 14 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup>
February 2026
23-02-26 – Parents Eve
26-02-26 – Parents Eve
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March – Book Week

27-03-26 – Easter Service
Easter Holiday – 28 <sup>th</sup> March to
12 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
04-05-26 – Bank Holiday
11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs
Half Term – 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> May
18-12-26 – KS2 Trips
23-06-26 – KS2 Production

24-06-26 – KS2 Production
26-06-26 – Sports Day
29-06-26 – KS1 Trips
30-06-26 - Leavers Assembly
and Tea
Summer Holiday – 8 <sup>th</sup> July to
23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2026