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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new half term.

New Chair of Governors

I am delighted to inform you that we have a new Chair of Governors, Mr Kevin Beaumont, who is a Local Authority appointed governor. Mr Beaumont is a retired company director with a wealth of experience in sales, marketing and finance. He has previous experience of governance in schools in Bradford and will be a great asset to the team.

I would like to thank Mrs Diane Roberts, our previous Chair of Governors, for all her support over the many years she was with us. Mrs Roberts would like me to pass on this message: "I have really enjoyed working with you all. Lockington is a wonderful little school and it has been a pleasure to be involved in its journey."

I also would like to thank Mr Rodmell, our Vice Chair, for his support as Acting Chair of Governors last half term.

Thankfulness

Our Christian Value this term is 'Thankfulness': remembering to be thankful and not to take things or each other for granted; to help other people and to show gratitude - and to think about how it feels to be thanked, or not to be thanked. We hope your family will find the attached ideas helpful and a way of having fun together. It would be fabulous to have some 'thank you' chains made at home brought to school to display.

Anti-Bullying Week

As you know, the effects of bullying can have a massive impact on all individuals, children and adults, whether at school, work or socially. Anti-bullying Week is one way that we can take a stand against bullying and raise awareness in our school. We will be running our sixth '**Wear Blue Day**' on Monday **13 November 2017** where we ask the children and staff to wear blue to show support for anti-bullying and donate to Anti-Bullying UK. This can be anything from blue jeans, blue top or something really unusual to stand out against bullying.

On **Thursday 16th November**, as part of the Anti-Bullying week, we have invited the Konflux Theatre Company to visit the school – the children will be involved in workshops and presenting a performance at the end of the day to which all parents are invited at 3.10am to help us re-inforce the importance of the anti-bullying message.

We have also added a section to our website which can be accessed via the 'Safer Internet Day' tab on the front page. This is to support parents in securing online safety at home, giving information about parental controls and e-safety resources for parents.



In the classrooms we have introduced 'worry boxes' which children can post their worries into. These are looked at by the teachers so that children have a safe place to share any worries they may have.

Residential Visit

For children in Key Stage 2, the £25 deposit for the residential visit was due this week. If you have not sent this to school yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any worries about your child taking part I am more than happy to discuss these privately. As parents, you know your child best, but I would thoroughly recommend the benefits of attending the visit for all pupils, especially in terms of building confidence and self-esteem, team work and social skills as well as the physical and problem solving challenges your child will be involved in.

Reading Photograph Competition

Please could all the entries for the Reading Photograph Competition be returned to school by Monday? I am looking forward to seeing all of the entries and thank you for getting involved. We have been delighted to see so many lovely entries so far.

Children in Need

On Friday it is Children in Need Day. We are asking the children and staff to dress up in spotty clothes in exchange for a donation of £1 and we will also be having a spotty bun stall, with donations of spotty buns most welcome on the day – these buns will be sold at playtime for 50p. The School Council have organised a colouring competition – it is 50p to enter and the winner will receive a special prize (see attached).

Spelling and Handwriting Workshop

We are working hard to support all the children to become proficient, neat hand writers and accurate with spelling. We were due to hold a workshop for parents next week but have had to postpone this, unfortunately, and will be announcing a new date in the near future. We hope this will be something you find useful.

Diary Updates

Monday 13 th November	Reading Photograph Competition Anti-Bullying Day (Wear Blue – donate to Anti-Bullying UK) Spelling and Handwriting Evening postponed (new date TBC)
Tuesday 14 th November	Class 2's Sustainability and Recycling Day (including a visit to Tesco)
Thursday 16 th November	Konflux Theatre Anti-Bullying workshops – parents invited (3.10pm) Year 6 Booster Classes start (Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm)
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 20 th November	2017 Longcroft Partners' Showcase (see separate letter)
Friday 24 th November	Yr/1/2/3/4 Flu Vaccine
Monday 27 th November	Non-Uniform Day (Friends of the School) in exchange for a tombola prize.
Thursday 30 th November	6pm Friends of Lockington School Christmas Fair at school.
Friday 8 th December	Dress Rehearsal
Monday 11 th December	2pm Christmas Production (parents and family invited)
Tuesday 13 th December	6pm Christmas Production (parents and family invited)
Wednesday 13 th December	2pm Christingle at St Mary's Church, Lockington (parents and family invited)
Thursday 14 th December	School Christmas Dinner (Governors invited) 4pm Lockington School Choir singing at Tesco in Beverley



Monday 18 th December	No music tuition this week
Tuesday 19 th December	6pm-7.30pm Friends of Lockington School Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 th December	11am Woodwind Concert (pupils only)
Thursday 21 st December	Visit to Pantomime at Beverley Parkway
Friday 22 nd December	10.15am Achievements from Home (pupils only)
	2pm Achievement Assembly
	School Closes for Christmas
	School reopens for pupils on Tuesday 9 th January.

I hope you find these updates helpful and look forward to a happy and productive half term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Julie Cattle
Headteacher

