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Dear Parent and Carers,

Thursday 2nd December 2021

I am sure that you are all looking forward to some very well-deserved rest and relaxation over the festive season. It is hard to believe that we have completed one term of the school year already. Once again, I would like to thank you for the overwhelming support this term. It is so appreciated. I would like to thank the staff and the children for their incredible resilience and hard work. I am very proud of what we have achieved as a school community and I am equally proud of the pleasing progress that our children continue to make in their learning. They are an absolute credit to you all.

As we come to the end of this term please find below some important news and dates for your information:

Staffing update

Mrs. Lockwood will be changing her role within the school staffing team when we return in the New Year. She will be supporting a variety of different year groups with intervention teaching in English and Maths. She will be working with us for one day each week. We are absolutely delighted that she will be delivering these interventions as we know they will have a very positive impact.

Ms. Wallis will be teaching Owls Class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We will welcome Mrs. Nelson to Owls class on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs. Nelson will be introducing herself to the children before the Christmas break to ensure a smooth transition before the end of term.

We are also delighted to inform you that Miss Rodda has successfully been accepted to the SCITT training program. She will be leaving us at Christmas to begin the work for preparing for her teacher training and we wish her the very best of luck as she moves on to the next step. We will be lucky to have her join the profession.

A warm welcome to Mrs. Milner. Mrs. Milner is the new teaching assistant working with Owls each morning. She has settled so positively into life at Great Whelnetham and we are delighted to have her as part of the staffing team.

Christmas Tree Donation

The Duchesne Family from Stanningfield Hall Farm have very kindly donated a Christmas Tree to the school again this year. The tree makes our school hall very festive at this time of year. The family business provide traditional Norway Spruce and low needle drop Nordman trees for the festive period and we are delighted that they have supported the school once again this year. Thank you to the Duchesne family.

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Christmas Nativity

The staff in Larks and Robins class are busy preparing the children for their Christmas Nativity performance which will take place next week on Tuesday 7th December at 2pm. This performance will be professionally filmed and shared with the parents of the children in both classes before the end of term. (More information to follow on this later.) We are so pleased that the children have had the opportunity to work with their teachers to do this. It is an important part of the school calendar and we are incredibly proud to see how much joy and sense of achievement it provides for the children. We look forward to sharing it with you.

PTFA Stalls

The PTFA will be based in the overflow area of Larks' Classroom to set up their stalls on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th of next week. The children will have an opportunity to visit the stalls and purchase items to help raise funds for the school. We would be grateful if you could support by providing your children with some money on these days to purchase some festive items- thank you .

Thank you to the PTFA for all their hard work, commitment and support of the school. They have been very creative this year in continuing their work to think of ideas to raise money to support the school and we are very grateful for all their efforts.

Diary Dates

Thursday 9th December- **Christmas lunch** (For those that have ordered)

Friday 10th December- **Christmas Jumper Day**. Children can wear a Christmas Jumper on this day and bring in £1 to support the Save the Children charity.

End of term- Thursday 16th December

Beginning of Spring Term- Tuesday 5th January 2022

Yours sincerely,

Claire Flatman
Executive Headteacher

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