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Dear families,

As I start my journey as your new Principal, I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I am looking forward to working with you all. We have had a fantastic start back and the children have settled in well.

Thank you to those who completed the parent questionnaire and to those who attended the parent meeting. The active discussion identified a number of areas of focus, some strengths and some areas where you feel improvements could be made. I have taken lots of your suggestions on board, and you may have noticed some of them are already being put into practice.

Halloween Disco



It was mentioned at the meeting by a number of parents that the children haven't had a disco for a number of years. This year, we will be holding a Halloween Disco which will be organised by our parent ambassador and a group of parent volunteers. It is amazing to have the offer of support and if you could spare a couple of hours to help, we would really appreciate it. As it is half term on the 31st October, we will be holding the disco on the 3rd November, the day we return to school. Tickets are £1 and can be purchased through parent pay or from the school office.

We cannot wait to see your spooky costumes!

Class Assemblies

We will be holding class assemblies next term. This gives our children the opportunity to share their previous learning and fantastic work with you. Year 6 will kick these off during the first week back, followed by years 5, 4 and 3 over the following weeks. Please see the diary dates at the end of this newsletter for the date of the assembly for your child's class.

Mansfield Palace Theatre



Another suggestion was to look at the possibility of taking the children to a Panto rather than having an in school one. We wasn't sure if this would be possible - **oh no it isn't**, but in true old Panto fashion – **oh, yes it is!** I agree that this is an experience that every child should have the opportunity to experience, so we have pulled it out of the bag and booked for the whole school to go to the theatre to see 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' on November the 25th. More information to follow soon.

Uniform

Please ensure you put your child's name in their uniform and PE kits, including ties. We already have a number of items of lost property, and without being labelled it is difficult to identify who it belongs to. If your child has lost any items of uniform, please visit the school office to check lost property.

I would also like to remind you that part of our school policy is that all children wear their full uniform to school, including their tie. Please see the uniform policy if you are unsure of what your child can and can't wear.



Part of the Greenwood Academy Trust

Afterschool Clubs

After school clubs will start this week and run up to half term. Each club will run from 3pm until 4pm. We have had a huge amount of interest in the clubs. If your child misses a number of sessions, their place may be given to another child.

Day	Club
Tuesday	Dance Club – Year 4 & Year 5
Wednesday	Basketball – Year 4 Choir – All years
Thursday	Handball – Year 5 & Year 6 Lego and Bracelet Making Club – All years

We will switch up our clubs each term to keep these interesting for the children.

Ice-cream Friday



Ice-creams will be on sale each Friday after school costing 50p or £1.

These will be available outside of Beech class from 3pm.

Guinea Pigs for Sale

We have guinea pigs for sale, as they are sociable creatures we are selling them in pairs, £30 for 2. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Diary Dates

Each newsletter will have a list of diary dates for the upcoming term, which will be regularly updated. I understand that having dates sprung on you last minutes is not ideal, therefore I will do my best to provide these to you as soon as they are confirmed. Just keep an eye out on the list for 'new date'.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards
Mrs C Bennett
Principal

Autumn 1 Term Dates 2025

Wednesday 17 September	Life Education Box Years 5 & 6
Thursday 18 September	Life Education Box Years 3 & 4
Tuesday 23 September	School Photos
Friday 26 September	2:15pm - Year 3 McMillan Coffee Afternoon (Parents Invited)
Monday 6 October	History Workshops Year 4
Tuesday 7 October	History Workshops Year 3
Thursday 9 October	2:15pm - Y5 Harvest Festival (Parents Invited)
Wednesday 15 October	Parents Evening
Thursday 16 October	Parents Evening
Friday 17 October	INSET Day – School Closed to Children

Autumn 2 Term Dates 2025

Monday 3 November	Children Return to School
Monday 3 November	3pm to 4pm - Years 3 & 4 Halloween Disco
Monday 3 November	4pm to 5pm - Years 5 & 6 Halloween Disco
Tuesday 11 November	2:30pm - Y6 Ash Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Thursday 13 November	2:30pm - Y6 Maple Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Tuesday 18 November	2:30pm - Y5 Hazel Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Thursday 20 November	2:30pm - Y5 Cedar Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Friday 21 November	Non-uniform Bring a Bottle for Tombola at Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 25 November	Christmas Panto and Mansfield Palace Theatre (Whole School)
Wednesday 26 November	2:30pm - Y4 Oak Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Thursday 27 November	2:30pm - Y4 Willow Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Friday 28 November	Non-uniform Bring a Raffle Prize
Monday 1 December	Sponsored Santa Run
Tuesday 2 December	2:30pm - Y3 Sliver Birch Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Wednesday 3 December	2:30pm - Y3 Beech Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Thursday 4 December	Christmas Fayre
Friday 5 December	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
Thursday 11 December	Y4 - Christmas Performance (Parents Invited)
Thursday 11 December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15 December	Whole School Christmas Craft (Parents invited)
Friday 19 December	Last Day of Term

