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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy half term in the Academy, the children have worked really hard and enjoyed lots of fun activities and visits. I would like to thank you all for your support, once again.

# **Mrs Hamilton**

Mrs Hamilton will be leaving the Academy this week. I am sure you would like to join with me and thank her for her hard work during her time with us. I would like to reassure you that both Mrs Warren and Mrs Dove will both be available in the office, as usual, to support you and answer any queries.

# **INSET Day**

I would like to remind everyone that Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November is our INSET day, the Academy will re-open for children on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

# Parking

I have had a number of phone calls from concerned local residents regarding parent parking. Nottinghamshire County Council uses CCTV cars to enforce parking outside of schools. They visit schools in Nottinghamshire and will record, whilst passing, the details of any cars parked illegally. If vehicles are in parked in contravention, the registered keepers will receive a Penalty Charge Notice. These restrictions are in place to provide a safe area outside of the school where the children will gather or cross the road therefore, we ask for your help in keeping this area free of parked vehicles. We have requested that the car visits the area around our Academy.

### Attendance

I am really sorry to say attendance has decreased rapidly since my last newsletter. I have spoken to the children in assembly about our attendance rewards. We are re-introducing our raffles for children with 100% attendance and for children who hit our target of 96% attendance or above. We will also be restarting our parent raffles to thank you for your support in ensuring your child has good attendance and is able to make the most of every minute they spend at our Academy. I am sure you will agree that after the disruption over the past two academic years, good attendance is extremely important.

### **Strictly Come Dancing**

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Robin Windsor, a professional dancer from BBC Strictly Come Dancing will be visiting our Academy for the day. All children will need to wear their Academy PE kit that day as everyone will be taking part in a Strictly Come Dancing Workshop.

# **Non-Uniform Days**

We are holding two non-uniform days, after half term, to collect prizes for our Christmas fund raising activities. We are not having a theme so children can choose what they would like to wear. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November, we are asking for children to bring a bottle (full of something) and on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November we are asking for children to bring a raffle or a tombola prize. Thank you for your support with these events.

Diary Dates Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October - The Academy closes for half term Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – INSET Day Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – The Academy re-opens for the second part of the Autumn term Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Strictly Come Dancing Workshops Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform day (bring a bottle) Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Non-uniform day (bring a raffle or tombola prize) Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need (details to follow) Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Individual school photographs Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Flu vaccination

I hope you all have a lovely half term break. Stay safe and take care of your loved ones. I look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Kind regards, Mrs Marples. Principal.