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Dear Parents

The weather has definitely got a lot colder and the daylight hours much shorter so winter is well and truly here. We do try to get the children out for some fresh air every day so please remember to send your child to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves.

We have a number of events and activities planned for the next few weeks:

### **Children in Need –“A Spotacular Event”**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November we will be supporting Children in Need. Children in Need is a charity which aims to change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in the UK through the many projects that it supports across the country.

The theme for this year is “Spotacular”. We are holding a non-uniform day and are asking children to come to school dressed in spotty clothing. During the day we will undertake a number of spotty activities. We ask that you make a donation to Children in Need in return for the children participating in the event.

### **Parent Governor Election**

I would like to thank the four parents who put themselves forward in the recent Parent Governor election. The votes counted are as follows:

Chris Ashcroft: 85 votes

Gordon Baisley: 74 votes

Sarah Louise Brewer: 69 votes

Inna Krachkovskaya: 38 votes

As there are two vacancies on the Governing Body Chris Ashcroft and Gordon Baisley have been elected as Parent Governors.

### **Switch Off Fortnight**

For the next two weeks in school, beginning on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November we are participating in Switch Off Fortnight. This is an initiative supported by The Pod and EDF energy which encourages everyone to switch off any electrical items not being used in order to conserve electricity. We are encouraging the children to switch off lights in school when the rooms are not being used and to also think about doing the same at home. We hope that you can support this initiative which may help to reduce your energy bills at home!

### **Admission to School 2017/18**

Some of our children have younger siblings who are due to start school next September so this is a reminder that if your child is born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 the online application process to apply for their school place is now open. More information is available online at: [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions). The closing date for application is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017. If you need any additional information or help please speak to Mrs Brown in the office.

To help us gather information about the number of siblings due to start school next year, we would appreciate it if you could let us know if you have a younger child due to start in September 2017 by returning the tear off slip on the bottom of this letter.

### **Halal meals**

Now that the school is larger in size we are looking into being able to offer halal meals alongside our usual menu. If you would be interested in this for your child could you please also complete the slip at the end of this letter.

### **Dates for the Autumn term**

I have listed below a number of dates for the remainder of the term. Please note that the Children in Reception and Year One will perform concerts this term, Year Four during the Spring Term and Year Two and Three during the Summer Term. As the numbers in the school have grown we will not be able to take all classes to the church for the Carol concert as there is not the capacity at the church, therefore this event will be for the children in Year Two, Three and Four.

11 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Comedy Night
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – “Spotacular” - non-school uniform day
18 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Coffee Morning for Children in Need
21 <sup>st</sup> November	St Albans Sustainable Week (further details to follow)
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Bilingual Parent group coffee morning 9am
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Non-school uniform day for a PTA bottle donation for the Christmas Fair
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fair
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Apple/Lime Class Concert 9.30am
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Aqua/Sky Class Concert 9.30am
9 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Popcorn Night for Years Reception and One
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Peter’s Church for Years 2, 3 and 4. 2pm Parents welcome.
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school visit to the Pantomime (further details to follow)
16 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Coffee Morning
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner for the Children
21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of Term – school finishes at 1.30pm.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs J Goddard*

Headteacher

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**Starting School – 2017/18**

I have a child who is due to start school in September 2017 (D.O.B 1/9/2012 – 31/08/2013):

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Halal Meals**

I would like Halal meals to be offered at lunchtimes. I would like my child to have a Halal meal:

Once a week only on a Wednesday (roast day)

Every day

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_