



# SKEGBY JUNIOR ACADEMY

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to tell you that the children have been trying so hard in school and they have all taken part in our Autumn tests over the past two weeks. These tests will be used to plan their future learning.

### **Children in Need**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need day, we raised an amazing £150!

### **Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day**

This year, due to current restrictions, we will not be having a whole school Christmas dinner. Instead it will happen across the week of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please see the table below for your child's day. A separate letter will be sent home, nearer the time, with more details.

Day	Bubble
Monday	Ash and Hazel
Tuesday	Beech
Wednesday	Oak
Thursday	Willow and Silver Birch
Friday	Maple

Each bubble will have their Christmas Jumper Day on the same day as their Christmas dinner. This will be a non-uniform day and we are asking for a donation towards Save the Children, in return please.

### **Christmas Raffle and Non-Uniform Day**

Unfortunately, this year we are unable to hold our Christmas Fair but we will still be able to have our Christmas raffle. We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November and children will be able to wear whatever they like, in return for a donation towards our raffle. Children will bring home tickets to sell and we will draw the raffle on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Winners will be notified by text message. We hope you are able to support us with this as the money will go towards our Curriculum Enhancements Programme. Thank you.

### **Christmas Cards**

This year we need to take a great deal of care when children send Christmas cards to their friends to ensure we are not spreading the virus. We are asking that children bring their cards into school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December or Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December; this will allow staff to put the cards to one side (in quarantine) until the Friday, before sending them home with the children. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Messages**

If you would like the Academy Office Team to pass on a message to your child about arrangements at the end of the day, please call before 2.20pm so staff have time to see your child. Please note this should only happen in an emergency, when your plans have changed at late notice. It is really important that children know who is collecting them at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support in this matter.



## **Mental Health Services**

Please see below, it a message about Mental Health support in Nottinghamshire.

*Have you been struggling with the stress of the Coronavirus pandemic? Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed by your emotions? The Nottinghamshire Mental Health Helpline is here for you. You talk, they listen and they help.*

*The helpline offers support for people who need emotional support or information about their mental health, providing personalised advice and signposting to other organisations for long-term support.*

*Their website has free online resources available immediately. The 'Find Out More' guides provide you with the latest information and advice about a wide range of health and wellbeing topics. 'Bitesize' provide the three most important psychological strategies, you can work through a session in a matter of minutes and apply techniques straightaway.*

*The helpline number is 0300 555 0730 and is open from 9am until 11pm, 7 days a week. For more information and mental health resources visit <https://www.turning-point.co.uk/nottingham-helpline>.*

## **Free School Meals**

Your circumstances may have changed during this difficult time and your child may now be entitled to free school meals. To make an enquiry, please call the Free School meals team at Nottinghamshire County Council on **0300 500 80 80**.

## **Diary Dates**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – Non-uniform day (see above)

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Y5 Bikeability

**w/c 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (see above)

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Children to bring their Christmas cards to school

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Raffle to be drawn

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – The Academy closes for Christmas

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – The Academy re-opens

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, stay safe and look after your loved ones. I look forward to seeing the children on Monday.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Marples.  
Principal.