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**Headteacher Lynn Harrison****

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Dear Parents and families,

I hope this letter finds everyone well, particularly in light of the current Lockdown. Things at school feel relatively normal and preparations are underway for Christmas and the spring term beyond.

As you are aware we have initiated the online learning platform using Microsoft Teams, and over the coming weeks, the class teachers will be contacting pupils, simply to ensure that everyone becomes familiar and confident with the operating systems (messaging, retrieving school work and returning completed work to teachers). Once this begins, if anyone experiences difficulties please contact school and we will endeavour to help solve any problems that may arise.

The PTA are working hard behind the scenes; working on fundraising ideas such as the grand prize draw and the virtual balloon race as well as preparing creative ways to plan and organise Christmas parties which will be held in classes this year. We have placed an order for new laptops which the PTA current funds will be able to cover. Please do support the current fundraising events, as every penny raised comes into school for the benefit of every child.

At the Christmas party each year we usually welcome a 'special visitor' into the school to distribute gifts to the children. As this will not be possible this year we are looking at alternative ways to approach this so that the magic is not lost. Over the years we have trialled many different systems for buying and wrapping gifts given out by the 'special visitor' and last year we located a new supplier who was able to provide gifts at a reasonable cost.

Please complete the attached form and return it to school by Monday 23 November 2020, together with a payment of £5 per child, to confirm that you would like your child to receive a gift at their class party. Any cheques should be made payable to Irthington Village School.

We have 2 vacancies on the Governing Board for parent Governors. This is an exciting opportunity to get involved in the running of the school. We usually meet 5 or 6 times a year (term time) and are looking for applications from any parent who has an interest or some expertise in finance or curriculum and pastoral care or safeguarding or just a keen interest in getting involved. If you think you might like to find out more please contact me directly and we can discuss the role in more detail.

Many local schools have asked parents to wear masks when on school grounds. At the current time I am leaving that decision up to individuals to make, but must insist on social distancing when waiting for your children at the beginning and end of the school day. Could I also remind parents of class 2 that we would like you to stand on the concrete opposite the wellie hut, so that parents of class 1 can wait opposite the gate on the deck.

The Life Bus was due to visit school on the 18<sup>th</sup> November, but due to restrictions in place, the children cannot go into the bus itself. Instead, each class will have a session delivered in their classrooms.

New dates for your diary include;

11<sup>th</sup> December Christmas parties – details to follow

16<sup>th</sup> December Christmas lunch

Yours sincerely,

*Lynn Harrison*

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Name of child/ren.....

I would like my child/ren to receive a gift at the party and enclose a payment of £5.00 per child.

Signed.....