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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back. I hope you had an enjoyable half term although, after a busy week in school, it seems a long time. There are lots of exciting activities and events planned for this half term, as you will see below.

Sponsored Run

All the children completed their sponsored run this week during their PE lessons. From the lessons I saw and the children that have spoken to me about it, they enjoyed the activity. Please send all sponsor money into school by Thursday November 9th. Once we have collected and counted it all, we will let you know how much money you have raised for Diabetes UK.

Pumpkin Discos

This week also saw the first organised event by our new PTA: the Pumpkin Discos. It was a fantastic evening and the children all seemed to enjoy themselves. A huge thank you to our brilliant PTA who worked hard before, during and after the event to make sure that the children had an event to enjoy.

Parents Evenings

On Tuesday and Thursday this week we are holding the first of our parent evenings. This is an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher as well as sharing any concerns you may have about their learning. If you have not already made your appointment, please visit the office to sign up.

Children in Need

November 16th is the annual BBC Children in Need event and we will be joining in this year with a non-uniform day. The theme this year is 'Spotacular!' and we would like all children to wear something with spots as part of their non-uniform. This may be a t-shirt with spots, spotty socks, or paper spots added to normal clothes. However, there

is no need to buy something spotty for the day: non-spot wearers are allowed. We suggest a donation of £1 per child for the day.

Values Assembly

We have been working hard this week to decide on our new, shared values for Ivingswood Academy. During the INSET day, staff and governors shared their thoughts on what these should be and on Friday we asked the children to work together within their houses to decide what is important to them. On Wednesday 7th November, we will be unveiling our new set of values during a special assembly at 9am. All parents and carers are invited to attend and we will be serving tea and coffee in the drama room between 8.30am and 9am.

Our new set of values will unpin everything we do in school as we move forward: how pupils act towards each other; how teachers and pupils interact; how our policies and curriculum are developed; and how we will interact with our community. Expect to hear lots more about the values from the children from Wednesday onwards!

Attendance Week

Regular attendance in school is vital if children are to be successful: research has shown that achievement in school is directly linked to attendance. To promote attendance and punctuality, we will be having a Golden Attendance week between November 12 and 16th. Prizes will be given for individual and class attendance and punctuality.

Pantomime trip

I am delighted to inform you that we have secured tickets for this year's pantomime, Aladdin, at the Elgiva Theatre on Thursday 13th December. The PTA have kindly agreed to subsidise the tickets so we can offer them at a reduce rate. More information will follow shortly with details on the exact cost and organisation.

Zero Tolerance

All staff within school are working hard to improve things for your children and we appreciate the support and positive comments we have received in support of our efforts. We also understand that sometimes situations occur that may raise concerns from parents and we would encourage you to speak to a member of staff to resolve these. However, please remember that inappropriate language, threats or acts of aggression towards staff will not be tolerated. Anyone behaving in such a way will be asked to leave the school grounds and their behaviour may be reported to the police.

Key Dates

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Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th November -Parent Teacher meetings Details of how to sign up will follow shortly.

Wednesday 7th November – Values Assembly 9am Tea and coffee will be available in the drama room from 8.30am.

November 12th to 16th - Golden Attendance week .

Friday 16th November – Children in Need ‘Spotacular’ Non – Uniform day. £1 donation suggested.

Friday 7th December – Christmas Fayre Save the Date, more information will follow.

I look forward to seeing you all during the parents evenings this week and at the values assembly.

Yours sincerely,

Julie-Ann Swaysland

Headteacher