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Dear Parents/Carers

Well we are coming to the end of what has been a really enjoyable and busy term. Some of the highlights so far have been:

- Year 3's settling in well and producing some excellent writing about 'Supertato' recently.
- Year 4 production, where a lot of parents suddenly discovered their child's hidden talents.
- Year 5 enjoyed their first experience of Shakespeare, which has inspired them to write some of their own play scripts.
- Year 6 producing some excellent writing linked to their local history topic and presenting this to parents as part of Remembrance Day.
- The new building is taking shape and will be ready for Year 5 to move in at February half term.....on the top floor!

Sporting achievement:

- Year 6 dodge ball semi-finalists
- The football team are still doing well in the local school tournament
- The cross country team competed well recently
- The athletics team came 13<sup>th</sup> out of 20 schools competing

Christmas Carol Concert

Tomorrow afternoon and evening children will sing to parents. Having just seen the final rehearsal, I am confident that all those attending will have a wonderful time, but you may need a handkerchief because some of the singing is beautiful. Can I also remind parents that we have issued only 2 tickets per family due to fire regulations on the use of the hall? This rule also applies to children who need their own seat. Please note that the performance will last for 45 minutes and so children can be collected at 18.15pm on the Tuesday evening and at normal school time in the afternoon. Children need to be back in school for 17.10 on the Tuesday evening.

### School uniform

Following the introduction of our updated uniform, some parents have asked for clarity of our expectations. Please find attached a leaflet detailing expectations. The Schools aim with uniform is to ensure children feel part of the Ibstock Junior School team, whilst keeping things simple and affordable for parents.

### Christmas decoration competition

The winners of the competition were Bridey Leitch, Saul Chaplin , Charlie Simmons, William Callaghan, Jack Callaghan, Chloe Belcher ,Ruben Whysall and Hayden Saunders. Please ensure your child collects their decoration on Thursday this week so that you have it at home for Christmas. We had over 40 entries and they were all impressive – well done everyone.

### School Dinners

Please make sure that you have paid up to date for school dinners. I know that money is hard to find at this time of the year, but the school cannot be put into the position of lending money to parents to pay for dinners. Your help with this would really be appreciated.

### Taking things home for Christmas

Please make sure your child has collected their PE kit from the cloakroom on Thursday at the latest. It would be advisable to provide your child with a carry bag to take home any additional items they have with them this week.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Merry Christmas

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