



## Newsletter 10

Friday, 21st December 2018

### Message from the Head

In this final newsletter of the term, I would like to say a heart felt thank you to all in our school community for the fabulous support that you have shown me during my first year at Great Gaddesden School. Your support is very much appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children and staff for their hard work during the Autumn term. As a school, we have had a great term, achieving so much, with the children being excited about their learning and enthusiastic about all aspects of school life.

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday, 8th January, 2019.

#### CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS

Year 3/4 had great fun linking their sound topic to Design and Technology and computing. They recorded each other playing the instruments they had made and analysed the sound patterns they made.



#### CREATE A CRIB CHALLENGE



Y5/6 were given the challenge of creating a crib, using their Design and Technology skills and a limited amount of resources. Great collaborative work from all groups resulted in some fabulous designs for the cribs.



#### WELCOME:

During this time of Advent, as we prepare for the birth of Jesus, we reflect on the new births that we have had within our school community. 2 of our families have welcomed a new baby this term and we are delighted to congratulate Lilly's family on the arrival of Lottie and to Frankie, Dottie and Dolly on the recent arrival of their new brother, baby Fox.

#### Monthly Value:



Our older children were fine examples this week of how we use our value of 'peace' to guide their choices. Well done to Jack G, Jack R and Hope for being such excellent role models to the rest of our school.

#### IALAC

Thank you to Phoenix and Lottie for sharing their many qualities and gifts.

#### HOUSE POINTS AWARDS

Congratulations to Aaron, Phoenix, Rowan and Harvey who received their 10 house point certificates this week.

Well done to all the children who have achieved their 10 point certificates



**CHRISTINGLE PRAYER:**

*Help us to show our love for each other and to be a shining light in Jesus.*

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The EYFS story of The Nativity, the Christmas Services and the Christingle Service gave the children the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. All the children participated very well and there was a truly lovely atmosphere at our services.



### PANTOMIME TRIP

On Wednesday, we had a fabulous trip to Watford Palace Theatre to the pantomime. The story of Jack and the Beanstalk was very entertaining and all the children (and adults !) thoroughly enjoyed themselves .

A thank you to FOGGS, who funded the entire cost of the transport from funds raised from events. Many thanks to the Governors and parents who helped support us on this trip; Mrs Kirby, Mr + Mrs Doe, Mrs Williams and Mrs Johnson.



### PAUL'S CARE HOME

On Monday, the KS2 choir visited St Paul's Care Home to sing carols to the residents. The children were absolutely fantastic, singing with enthusiasm. They certainly brightened the day of many residents and the staff remarked on the outstanding behaviour of all the children. They were an excellent representation of our school and we were all very proud of them.

### GOODBYE

Today, we say a goodbye and thank you to Miss Ayres as she leaves Great Gaddesden School, having been here for just over 7 years. Miss Ayres has taught most of the children in our school, giving them a good start in the Early Years. We thank Miss Ayres for all her dedication to the school and all her hard work. We wish her well as she embarks on her new adventures and look forward to updates as she sets off on her travels.



### DIARY DATES

#### **Friday, 21st December**

- 1:30 Break up for Christmas

#### **SPRING TERM**

Children return:

**Tuesday, 8th January 2019**

HALF TERM:

Monday, 18th February to Friday, 22nd February

Break up: **Friday, 5th April 2019**

#### **SUMMER TERM**

Children return:

**Tuesday, 23rd April 2019**

HALF TERM:

Monday, 27th May to Friday, 31st May

Break up: **Friday, 19th July 2019**

### CHRISTMAS FAIR:

The Christmas Fair was a great success. A huge thank you to FOGGS for all the organising and hours of preparation that made it so successful.



FOGGS will announce the total raised from the event in the new term.

Thank you to FOGGS for all their hard work during this term and for all our parents for supporting the events.

### *CHRISTINGLE PRAYER:*

*Thank you for all the colours in the world and especially for the beauty of the rainbow.*