

Greyfriars Academy

December 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a happy and busy Autumn term and look forward to the Christmas break!

The return of the Residential!

It was fantastic to be able to resume our residential visit earlier in the term. Year 5 and 6 children had a brilliant time at the Aylmerton Study Centre. They enjoyed various outdoor activities and challenges, developing great team work, lots of skills and real resilience. They also learned more about our local coastal features. But most of all they had FUN!

The children were a credit to us with their behaviour, too. Many thanks to Mrs Marshall for organising the trip, and everyone else involved.

Curriculum Wow Days!

Year 3 and 4 children began the term with an Ancient Egyptian Day to launch their topic this term. Children, and staff, looked amazing and this launched the start of some great learning over the term. Thank you for your support! A special thanks goes to Mrs Elgabry, who came in to talk to us about Egyptian Culture, really interesting and informative.

Pudsey Bear comes to Greyfriars!

Thank you for your contributions to Children in Need recently. We raised £142.77. We were delighted to see Pudsey Bear, who took time out of his busy schedule to visit Greyfriars, to the delight of all who met him!

Elf Day

Thank you for your support with this special day - the children looked amazing! Well done, to Oliver and his mum for organising the event. We raised £147. All proceeds go to the Brain Tumour Charity.

Before and After School Club

Mrs Lewis and Mrs Moulton have done a brilliant job organising various Christmas craft activities for the children who have had lots of fun creating some super decorations. Our thanks go to these staff for working hard to make sure the children enjoy their time at this club.

Countdown to Christmas



On 8th December Simon Rowe from West Norfolk Radio visited Greyfriars to mark the start of Christmas by turning on our Christmas tree lights at the front of the school. He was accompanied by a very special

guest, Father Christmas...it was great to see him around school again! Ms Frost, Vice Chair of FROGS also joined us and we were able to say a special thank you to FROGS for the tremendous fundraising and fun filled events that they organise for us throughout the year, despite covid! Well done to all our children for the fantastic decorations that they made for our tree this year!

A huge thank you also goes to Moore's Scrap who kindly donated our tree to us.

Carols around the Christmas

Each class has been busy learning a traditional carol or Christmas song to perform in front of the Christmas tree on the last day of term. Parents were invited to join their children's class and it was a lovely festive event, despite the cold!



Bookings to be made by Midnight on the Sunday. If you haven't activated your account please ensure you do so.

Finally...in continuing to work together to keep our school and local community as safe as possible, we ask that you read the attached letter outlining the latest covid measures.

Pantomime

The children thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime, Beauty and the Beast. This was a marvellous and magical occasion for both the children, and the staff watching the children's responses! It was lovely to reinstate this Christmas tradition.

Christmas Jumper Day

Many thanks to everyone who sent their child into school wearing a Christmas jumper. We all looked very festive. We raised £102.97 It was also our Christmas dinner day and Erica and her team in the kitchen prepared a Christmas meal fit for a king!

A sad 'Goodbye'

We say goodbye to Mrs Allen (Our SENDCO and Assistant Headteacher) who leaves us at the end of this term for a promotion in SEND. Mrs Allen had been a much valued part of the school team since January 2019 and will be greatly missed. We wish her every success in her new role!

We also say goodbye to our teaching assistant, Miss Penman-Lee. We have really appreciated the support that she has provided over the years and wish her every success in the future.

Thank you, Father Christmas,

We ended the term with presents for every child. Thank you, Father Christmas!

ParentPay

Please may we remind you that all meals from school need to be booked on parent pay, this includes paid, free school meals and universal infant free meals.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!



We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Thursday 6th January 2022.