



Greyfriars Academy

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Dear Children, Parents, Carers, Grandparents and anyone else in the Greyfriars community,

I would like to wish you all a very merry, joyful and Holy Christmas.

I can hardly believe that a whole term has gone, and we are about to enter into a New Year. Since my arrival in September, I have been amazed by the wonderful children of Greyfriars school and the warm welcome I have had from everyone I meet on the gates in the mornings. Mrs Moyle, Miss Whitmore and I often comment on how nice it is to see the smiling faces of children, and adults, as you arrive at school.

The wonderful Nativities by the younger children were fantastic, as was the older children's performance at the church. All were very memorable experiences. It was fabulous to be able to celebrate with you all.

I hope that you can feel the change in the school over the past few months. We have been working very hard behind the scenes to ensure that we address the issues raised in the Ofsted report. I would like to reassure you that the procedures for safeguarding are fully in place and being implemented. In addition, we have been redesigning the curriculum that the school offers and this is beginning to be embedded across the school.

We have reviewed the behaviour policy and will be implementing this in the new year. This will be made available to you on the website and we will be happy to receive your comments on it and how the pupils feel it is being followed by all in the school. Clearly there will be some time needed for it to become part of our daily routine and to consider if we need to make any adjustments as time passes.

All classes should now be signed up to class Dojo and you should receive invitations to join your child's class in the near future. Class Dojo is a reward system we are adopting in the school as part of improvement of behaviour. As part of the process for addressing behaviour in the school we have also revised the Home School Agreement, a copy of which will be sent to all families in the new year, I would ask you to sign and return this form. The Home School Agreement sets out the expectations for the school, children and parents.

During this joyful time of the year, I am sad to say that some of our school staff are moving to pastures new and continuing to support children in other schools. Mr Hartley will be leaving Cromer class and Miss Howells (HLTA) will be leaving her role covering classes throughout the school. We wish them both well in their new jobs.

In January we will be joined by Mrs Wright in Cromer class, a very experienced teacher, we look forward to her joining us.

When we return in January there will be an opportunity for additional after-school clubs from Premier Sport. These clubs will be subsidised by the school in order to keep the cost as low as possible. Premier Sport will be notifying you of which clubs will be available shortly.

In the meantime, have a lovely break. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3rd January.

Regards

Aidan McGovern