



"Learning, caring,
growing together"

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END OF AUTUMN / CHRISTMAS 2017 LETTER

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have finally reached the end of probably the longest half-term I can recall and also the latest date to finish for the Christmas holidays. I have to say I have been very impressed with the resilience of the children, particularly the youngest ones who have completed their first term with us. The infant children had a Very Special Visitor this morning who gave a gift to each of the Lower School classes.

SALVATION ARMY

A quartet for the Salvation Army came in on Wednesday morning to play carols to the children in the Lower School. They also had the opportunity to hear some of the songs that each year group has been learning over the last few weeks. They were well received and the school presented them with a cheque to support the work they do with the homeless in the area, especially at this time.

OPEN SESSIONS

Our recent Open Sessions have proved successful with you having an opportunity to spend some time with your child looking at their work towards the end of a day. As a result, we aim to have one at least once a term in addition to the Parent Consultations so keep an eye on any letters from the Year Leaders in relation to any future opportunities.

MONEY RAISED FOR ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE

Thank you again for your generosity over the period of the Nativity Plays and Services. We have been able to raise **£220.71** to go towards the outstanding work they do to help patients, and their families, at the most critical time of need. Thank you again, it really makes a difference.

ORCHESTRA AND CAROL SERVICE AT ST SAVIOUR'S

The orchestra and choir held a concert at St. Saviour's Church on Wednesday evening supported by parents. Again, the darkness outside and the lighting made the event very atmospheric and a lovely time was had by all. Many of the children were new to each this term and did us all proud with their contributions. I would also like to offer thanks to the music staff for putting a festive programme together



TEXTING SERVICE

We have identified an issue with our texting service which means EE customers may not be receiving messages. A test text was sent out on Thursday 21/12/2017 at 2pm 'This is a test message there is no need to reply, Merry Christmas.' If you did not receive this message, please inform the Office.

TWITTER & FACEBOOK GROUP

We use the school Twitter account @GladstoneRPS and our Facebook Group 'Parents & Carers of Gladstone Road School' to share information with parents. If you have not yet joined the group, please search Facebook for 'Parents & Carers of Gladstone Road School' and ask to join. This is a closed group used to distribute information and events for parents.

NEXT TERM

We finish today for the Christmas Holidays. The school re-opens for children on **Tuesday 9th January 2018**. We have a new menu for the Spring term, this can be viewed on the school website, Twitter account and the Facebook group. The provisional timetable for the first week of the Spring term can be viewed on these.

AND FINALLY...

Thank you again for your continued support, the children have all worked very hard over this term as we continue to make the improvements necessary since our inspection in July. I would like to thank all the staff for their incredibly hard work over this term as we have made many changes to our approach to teaching and learning against a short amount of time.

It leaves me to say, on behalf of the staff and governors, that we all would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 9th January 2018.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K Wright', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mr K Wright
Head Teacher

