

# Grosvenor Park C of E Academy Newsletter

'A voice for every child'

Luke 10:25-27 - The Parable of The Good



Dear parents and carers,

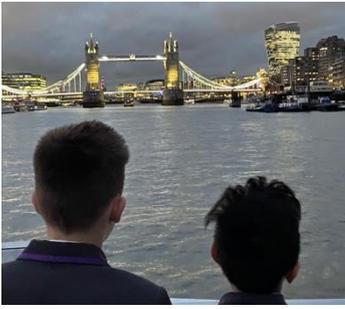
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

It has been a wonderful week. The corridors are filled with singing as the children prepare for their Christmas performances and a beautifully decorated tree has appeared in our reception area. I've also heard many stories of cheeky elves messing up displays, hanging from ceilings and sleeping in book corners!

As we approach Christmas, the impact of the pandemic is still swirling around, and it does have an impact on everyone. Considering recent announcements linked to the new Omicron variant, we have made several adaptations to how we operate. To help us minimise the risk of community transmission, visits to school need to be by appointment only. We also request that if you do enter school, you wear a mask. Thank you for continuing to remain vigilant on the school playground by keeping a distance.

As a team we are working hard to ensure that this year is as memorable as possible for the right reasons. There is much speculation in the press about whether traditional Christmas performances take place live or are performed virtually. At this moment in time, we are still planning on holding live events so the children have the opportunity to showcase their talents. To ensure our performances are held as safely as possible, we are taking the following action to minimise the number of households mixing.

- Increased the number of performances.
- Smaller groups of children are performing
- Events held at school will be ticketed and limited to 2 tickets per household. Specific details will be sent via eeZee trip.
- In school events will take place in our new hall and there will be socially distanced seating.
- When moving around the building, masks are to be worn.
- If you have any symptoms, please remain at home.
- If possible, take a Lateral Flow test before the performance.
- For events held in Church, please sit in socially distant family groups. As it is a public building, we will follow their guidance.



On Tuesday I had the pleasure of joining team Reay as we set off to London. It was a brilliant visit, and our children were a credit to the school, their behaviour was impeccable. A lot was crammed into a short space of time – a visit to the Houses of Parliament and meeting our local MP; enjoying the thrills of London Underground; making the most of a class lunch at Pizza Express; taking in historic landmarks along the River Thames on a river cruise and spending pocket money to purchase meaningful souvenirs. The visit also linked well to the learning taking place in the classroom and made

learning real. A huge thank you to Mr. Lee and Mrs. Conde for planning a safe, enjoyable and memorable trip.

## **GP PTFA Update**

### **Christmas Raffle**

Thank you so much to everyone who has thoughtfully donated prizes for our school raffle this year – we really appreciate your support. Raffle tickets will be coming home with your children today – 2 x books of 5 tickets at £1 per ticket. You can buy them yourselves, or sell to other family members, just fill in the names on the ticket stub and return to school (with the money and any unsold tickets) by **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** to be in with a chance to win some really fantastic prizes! Good luck everyone!

### **Christmas Sweet Cup Competition**



Also, big thanks to everyone who has already brought their beautifully decorated and filled sweet cups back in to school – they look amazing! Don't forget, the deadline for dropping them off is **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December** (so you've got the whole weekend to add some sparkle if you've not already finished!) Oh, and please don't forget to put names on them, thank you! Join us in the front playground after school next **Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** for our sweet cup tombola when you can win a fantastic festive creation to take home and enjoy!

### **Raise funds for us for free this Christmas!**

Please remember to use *easyfundraising* when you do your Christmas shopping.

Over 6,000 shops and sites will donate to Grosvenor Park Academy PTFA at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food or anything else. #ThisMeansMore than gifts for loved ones, it means donations that help make a difference!

Please sign up and help us raise more at:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/grosvenorparkacaptfa/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_source=social&utm\\_medium=whatsapp&utm\\_content=rm-chtms21-w1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/grosvenorparkacaptfa/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=whatsapp&utm_content=rm-chtms21-w1)

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## September 2022 Admissions

If you have a child due to start school in September 2022, the closing date for school admissions is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. Any applications are made via the link below:

[CWAC School Admissions](#)

## Diary Dates

<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b> 10.30am – 12.00pm	'Winter Wonderland Open Morning' This event is for prospective new parents looking for places in EYFS from September '22.
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Halkyn (Year 2) Multi-Skills Festival KS2 Christmas Performance at St. John's 6pm
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reay Imperial War Museum Visit KS1 Christmas Performance at St. John's 2pm and 6pm
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day Belgravia (Reception) Performance @ 2pm Sweet Cup Tombola
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Choir Singing @ Storyhouse
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner Day Eaton (Y3) / Westminster (Y4) Christmas Performance 2pm & 6pm
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of Term There will be no Capella.
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Start of Spring Term

Please note that due to the additional '*Jubilee Bank Holiday*' the last day of the school year will be **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022**.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas performances.

R. Clark  
Head of School