

Grosvenor Park C of E Academy Newsletter

'A voice for every child'

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



Dear parents and carers,

7th January 2022

On behalf of the team, I would like to wish you all a healthy and successful 2022. I hope your Christmas break was restful and you managed to spend quality time with loved ones. It is wonderful to welcome the children back to school. I do get the sense that they enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and they have returned keen and eager to learn.

Before I wrote this letter, I looked at my newsletter from this time last year. If you recall school opened for a day before the country began a second national lockdown and a period of remote learning began. Despite the current uncertainty over the progress of Omicron I do believe and hope that a lockdown on the same scale will not be repeated. To date the impact of Covid in school hasn't disrupted our provision and case rates are minimal. However, we do need to remain vigilant as we know from experience that events can change very quickly. Our staff are testing regularly and if you can do the same it does create a layer of additional protection. Thank you for continuing to follow CoVid guidance. If you have any specific questions or wish to update us on specific family circumstances, please contact the School Office Team who will be able to offer guidance and support. If there are any significant changes, we will continue to keep you updated.

Curriculum Update

The GP team are continuing to work together to create a curriculum that is exciting and makes the most of our unique environment. We are making progress and every day I witness our children participate in a wide range of learning opportunities. I am particularly pleased with the progress we have made in Art. Mrs.

Cowley has worked tirelessly to promote a love of this important subject in school and we now have a fully resourced working Art room and gallery.



Ensuring our children retain and build on their knowledge plays a key part in their development. To help with this we provide opportunities for children to showcase their learning. Before Christmas Abbeystead 'Ran the Solar System' quiz for children across school and this week Eaton class shared their learning about The Stone Age with Westminster. It was an enjoyable session and it demonstrated how much the children had learnt. Creating purposeful and memorable experiences does help knowledge stick. To support the development of our Computing curriculum we have partnered with 'Digital Wizards' who from next week will begin to deliver focused workshops to children across the school.

Staffing Update

Today we say goodbye and good luck to Mr. Tomsett who has successfully secured a teacher position. We will miss him, and his new school are blessed to have such a dedicated and caring professional.

I am pleased to announce that we have recruited Mr. Byrne. He is an experienced teacher who has worked across a diverse range of schools in the UK and abroad. Mr. Byrne will be working across the school ensuring that our children continue to make good progress. In addition, he will be teaching Abbeystead a couple of afternoons a week to enable Mrs. Gill to continue to develop our curriculum.

Notices

- Clubs start next week. Specific information has been communicated via Eezee Trip.
- Please can you check that your child is returning home with the correct uniform. Despite our best efforts to ensure that any items of clothing don't go missing at times this does happen. At the end of each day the teaching teams do check that any items are claimed and after each break time there is a yard check for any items. Thank you for labelling items of uniform as this helps the process.
- If you have a child, including siblings, due to start school in September 2022 the closing date for school admissions is **Saturday 15th January 2022**. Any applications are made via the link.



[CWAC School Admissions](#)

Diary Dates

Monday 10th January	Clubs start – specific information has been communicated via eeZee Trip
Tuesday 11th January	Start of 'Digital Wizards' computing workshops.
Monday 24th January	Visit from High Sheriff of Cheshire to officially open the top floor Sports Hall.
Wednesday 26th January	<i>No Capella</i> – Whole School Safeguard Training
Friday 11th February	School closed NWAT INSET day.
Wednesday 16th February	Westminster Trip to Loggerheads
Thursday 17/18th February	Dogs Trust
Friday 18th February	End of half term

Wishing you a good weekend.

R. Clark
Head of School