

Federation of Grewelthorpe and Fountains
C of E Primary Schools



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Headteacher: Pam Acheson



Dear Parents and Carers,

18.12.20

COVID

It has been a very different year to what we initially planned. I would like to thank you all for your continued support in what has been a very difficult year. I am so proud of all the children who have demonstrated so much positivity and resilience to the changes we have had to enforce. I am also so very grateful for all the amazing staff who work at the Federation and have worked tirelessly to ensure that school has been a safe and enjoyable place for the children to return to. We could not have done this without your support. The measures you have all taken to follow the ever-changing Government guidance has ensured that we have been able to remain open without any 'bubble' closures and ensure that all the children have remained healthy.

As you are aware, I am on call until the 24th December and if any child develops symptoms over the weekend then I am responsible for the track and trace procedures to ensure that in the event of a positive case, all relevant families have been informed. If symptoms occur from Monday onwards then the normal track and trace can be followed. I hope that we can all enjoy the Christmas break without any illness.

There is a training day on Monday 4th January so we will be open from Tuesday 5th. There may be further guidance given to schools before this period so I will send notifications via the website if there are any changes.

Staffing Update

Following on from the exciting news that Miss Rogers is expecting her second child, Miss Rogers will be nearly 28 weeks pregnant when she returns after the Christmas break. Government guidance asks that we provide alternative work for Miss Rogers at this stage as it puts her in a higher risk category.

To ensure consistency for the children, Mrs Lewis has agreed to increase her hours and the decision has been made to keep Mrs Lewis solely in Class 3. From January 5th 2021, Mrs

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Lewis will be teaching Tuesday morning and all day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Donaldson will be teaching in Class 3 on Monday and Tuesday afternoon and will also be teaching Class 2 on a Friday.

Miss Rogers will still very much be part of the team leading up to her maternity and will still be involved with the class but will not have direct contact with the children.

Christmas

Please remember to look at the Christmas section of the enrichment page. The staff and children have really enjoyed preparing the videos and although we weren't able to invite you into school, we hope that you enjoyed it. The children did not get the opportunity to perform to an audience so if you have any feedback that you would like me to share with the children then please do email me as I'm sure they would be thrilled to hear from you.

On behalf of everyone at Grewelthorpe and Fountains C of E Primary Schools, we hope that you have a lovely Christmas and look forward to welcoming you all back to school in January.

Kind regards,

Pam Acheson