



Gaddesden Row JMI School Newsletter 20th December - 2024



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

The end of term is here, and I cannot believe this is my final newsletter I will be writing. I would like to thank all families for the wonderful assembly this morning. It is something I will remember and treasure forever. I feel extremely touched by your kindness and generosity.

Since April the 20th, 2020, I have had the pleasure of being your Headteacher. We have been through some extremely tough times what with the Covid-19 pandemic, a cost-of-living crisis, and some harsh winters, and there is one thing that has kept us all going: our school community and the togetherness we have shown. I could not have done this without all of you and the outstanding team we have here at Gaddesden Row.



The children have always been my priority and seeing them grow, develop and flourish into polite, kind, intelligent and mature young adults is the greatest reward for me. I will miss all of you dearly and I look forward to hearing about your successes in the future. Go and smash it!

Miss Smith will be taking over from January, and I know you will all give her your support in true Gaddesden Row spirit.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – IMPORTANT

Monday 6th January – INSET – School Closed.

Tuesday 7th January – All children return to school.

W/b: 13th January – All after-school clubs and tutoring begin.



Attendance Awards

Well done to **Luna, Eva-Mae, Leo, Denny, Louie, Leyton, Annie, Francesca, Lily, Oscar, Lois and Zephyn** for not having a single day off school this year! **100% attendance! Enjoy spending your Amazon voucher.**

Whole-School attendance has been one of priorities on our school development plan this year, and it has been extremely pleasing to see our attendance rise this academic year.



Whole-School Swimming Lessons

We would like to remind all families that swimming lessons will begin for all children on **Wednesday 15th of January.**

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

Please enjoy the festive period and treasure spending time with friends and family. It also very important to reflect and toast everyone in our lives who is special.

This is also a time of year for reflection and remembering fond memories and raising a glass to what the things we have in our lives that we feel fortunate for.



STARS OF THE TERM



In assembly this morning, we celebrated our stars of the term. It was a pleasure to share and celebrate your achievements and successes with everyone. **Always listening, always showing a positive attitude, always following our golden rules, and always taking responsibility.**

Class Rock 'N' Roll: Karolina

Class Pop: Louie

Class Disco: Cassie

Team Points

As we reach the end of the term, it is time to count every team point from September until today. This will determine our winning team for the end of this term.

Points for the end of this autumn term as followed:



EMERALD – 499



RUBY - 485



SAPPHIRE - 500

CONGRATULATIONS TO TEAM SAPPHIRE FOR BEING THE WINNING TEAM FOR THIS TERM!

Lost Property

We still have lots of un-named uniform items that have not been redeemed. The lost property box will be out on the playground at home time again. **A reminder that any remaining items will be given to GRAFT to be sold back in second-hand uniform sales.**

After-School Clubs and Tutoring

All after-school clubs and tutoring will start week beginning the 13th of January. We do still have limited availability at some after-school clubs. Please contact the school office for further details. **A reminder that all clubs and tutoring sessions finish at 16.15.**

I would like to wish all families a very Happy Christmas and New Year! Thank you again to all of you! For the final time, take care, stay safe, grab every opportunity given to you and live each day.

You are all truly the best,

Mr Merriman

Generosity **A**spiration **D**iscovery **R**esponsibility **O**pen-mindedness **W**elcoming

At Gaddesden Row JMI School, we are fully committed to the safeguarding of pupils and take E-Safety very seriously. With the support of parents, we pro-actively teach our pupils how to keep themselves safe, including online.