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15/12/21

Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians,

I am writing to thank you again for your continued support during my first term as Acting Head teacher. Your patience, kind words and support has helped tremendously during a very busy 1st term, leading up to Christmas.

As we all know Covid is still with us, with the onset of the new Omicron Variant emerging. We continue to follow Government advice and seek advice from PHE where necessary. We will continue to keep you updated should anything change.

Despite Covid still being around us we are managing to continue to offer a full curriculum, enabling our pupils to access and enjoy their learning.

It has been exciting for our pupils to finally begin enjoying some local educational trips and visits. We’ve seen some of our pupils taking part in some sporting activities with great success. A big thankyou to Miss Rodgers for organising and liaising with staff to ensure the safety of all of our pupils at these competitions, ranging from bowling to a sports pentathlon. We’ve also seen some of our classes visiting the Cenotaph and the local post box when learning about Remembrance, and writing and posting letters. Please do not forget our school class pages on our website and also your access to both Tapestry in KS1 and Evidence for Learning at KS2 to KS4, where you will be able to see pictures and videos of your child engaging in a variety of activities. Should you have any problem accessing these, please get in touch with your child’s class teacher.

It has been lovely to see all of our Upper School children and some of our Lower School Classes return to the dining hall for lunch. It has been fantastic to see pupils socialising and eating in a dining room situation again. Pupils say that they have enjoyed being able to do this again.

Pupils have also continued to enjoy their star of the week assemblies each week. These have continued to go ahead pre-recorded and virtual on a Friday morning. Mrs Ledgard and I host these and they are our favourite part of the week.

We have been pleased to welcome our new School Council representatives this term. They have all been elected across Key Stages 2 to 4. They have already been proactive and have had one meeting where they raised key ideas to help us to improve our school. A big well done to all of the School Council representative and a big thankyou to Mrs Ledgard for organising this.

Staff have been busy assessing pupils in the last few weeks to allow for our end of term data collection. The results are compared with their baseline scores from Sept 21, to allow us to check on progress against pupils’ individual targets.

A few weeks ago the school was reassessed for Quality Mark for English and Maths. The assessment was carried out virtually, and we are pleased to announce that we were successful. Once we receive the report we will post it on the school website. This is likely to be in the New Year. A massive thankyou and a big well done to all the staff involved.

As the 2021 year comes towards its end, it is with great sadness that we have had to say goodbye to Carole Eagland, following her passing. She was one of our Midday Assistants who sadly endured a short period of illness. All of our staff, both past and present, along with our children will cherish the fond memories we have of her. Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time and also with anyone else within our school community that may have suffered a recent loss.

I would like to take this time to thank our Maintenance Officer Steve, for the tremendous work he has done for Green Lane School. Steve will be moving on to pastures new in the New Year. We will miss his enthusiasm, commitment to high standards, his smiles, daily greetings of jokes and all of the help and support that he gives to both staff and pupils on a daily basis. We wish him well in his next venture.

I would also like to take the time to thank Miss Stenson who has worked at Green Lane for a few years. Over time, she has worked in a variety of classes and helped to support a number of pupils. She will be leaving us at the end of term. I’d like to thank her for her continued support, commitment to the children and families of Green Lane. We wish her all the best for the future.

Moving forward, when pupils return after the Christmas break, we hope to continue with the current measures and Covid Risk Assessment (see school website) that we have in place. We will continue to follow Government advice and guidance. Should this change, we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. Please be reassured that we are regularly in contact with the Health Security Agency (Formerly Public Health England) and Warrington Local Authority who continue to advise us. Should we have an outbreak of Covid, our contingency plan (see school website) will be put into action.

I would like to thank you for your patience and ongoing cooperation in supporting testing at home, to help us to keep as many pupils, staff and families as safe as possible. I would urge you to keep up the good work as we continue into the New Year. Should you or your child develop symptoms of Covid during the Christmas break, when school is closed please follow the Government guidance, book a PCR Test and isolate at home where necessary, liaising with Track and Trace.

Please may we remind all parents and carers of our secondary aged pupils, that Lateral Flow testing will need to continue after Christmas through our next term. Your child is due to return to school on Wednesday 5th January, 2022. Please can you carry out a LFD test on Tues 4th January in preparation for their safe return on the 5th. Your child needs to have a negative LFD result to return to school. If your child tests positive to the LFD, or is showing any signs of COVID, they will need to self-isolate, have a PCR test and inform school.

Twice weekly LFD Testing should re commence upon return to school after Christmas, as recommended by the Government.

By testing your child on Wednesdays and Sundays, you will help us to reduce transmission of Coronavirus, keeping your child in school and Green Lane School open. This will minimise disruption to their education, and to you and your household. We thank you again for your support with this.

As always, if you have any queries, worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact school and we will try to help as best as we can.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and I send my best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to you and your families.

Yours sincerely,



Jo Mullineux

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