



16th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move towards the end of this term, I thought it would be a good opportunity to write to you, to reflect on what we have all achieved.

I am so pleased with how this term has turned out, we have been very lucky indeed. Our children came back to school in September, with renewed freedoms of being out of bubbles and being able to mix more with other adults and children in school. The difference that this made to adult and children's mental health was huge. It felt like normality had returned. We have tried hard to keep this feeling going throughout the whole term, and we have been so lucky that Covid cases have been at a minimum. My thanks has to go to everyone, staff, children and parents/carers for supporting the Covid rules throughout this term, it must have played a part in keeping us all as safe as possible.

We were thrilled that we were able to operate face to face parents evenings this year. We have certainly missed having the opportunity to talk to you properly about your child's progress and learning, we hope you found them useful. Please do feel free to contact school at any time to talk to us about your child. This doesn't just need to happen on parent's evenings, our staff are always willing to listen and answer any questions you may have.

We like to regularly ask parents their views about school and ask that you complete the following questionnaire <https://forms.gle/TqjCU11EGK94YSYk6>

So we entered the Christmas season with some nerves, but again were able to put on safe performances for our families. Christmas parties have gone ahead as well as trips and visits to the church. We have all loved being able to do this for our children, it has certainly made this year feel more normal and to see excited children's faces, has been a joy! We are very thankful to 'Norah's North Pole' who have donated toys to some of our families this Christmas as well as the Greggs Foundation who donated funding which was used to organise food hampers.

We certainly hope to build on these events as we move into the Spring Term. As ever, I cannot stress how important it is to follow government/public health guidance, to ensure that we are all kept safe and as rules change we will keep you informed. This needs to remain the case over the holiday period, again to ensure a safe return for all children to school in January.

Finally my thanks also go to all the staff at Grasmere Academy, each and every one of them, for their hard work over this term. Without their support, I could not do the job I do as Head Teacher - and a very well deserved rest is needed over the next few weeks. I would also like to thank you, our families for your continued support. Home and school working together is so important, to ensure our children have a successful education.

I'd like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 6th January.

Mrs Lilico

Headteacher

