



## **FAMILY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019**

### **Personal thanks**

Thank you for the kind and supportive comments that I have received following the announcement by our chair of governors that I will be leaving Granta at Easter. It has been a very hard decision and I will miss all of you and your wonderful children very much. My next role will be demanding and knowing that I take so many good wishes with me will make all the difference. Until then I will continue to work tirelessly for the good of the school and to support Sarah as she prepares for the summer term ahead.

### **It's time for the yearly bad weather closure process details:**

If you are a family from Suffolk or Essex then please tune/connect your radio/laptop/iPad and phone to the Cambridgeshire stations. We do not have the capacity or passwords to make announcements on your more local stations. Please listen to: BBC Radio Cambridgeshire/Heart Radio 103 and 102.7/Star 107 FM Radio.

Whilst we will make every effort to contact transport providers, you will appreciate that it takes a considerable amount of time to contact them all individually and so please use the radio and Cambridgeshire County Council website ([www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)) as your main points of reference.

We will also put a message on our school website but we are very unlikely to be able to alter our telephone voice mail so please do NOT rely on the phone lines. If the site is so inaccessible as to not have pupils in, then staff will not be attending either.

We are a popular school and as such we have pupils coming in daily from a very wide range of destinations. We will only close the school if the site itself or the immediate vicinity (towards Haverhill or the city centre) is impassable or if we receive notice that too many staff are snowed in so that we cannot safely staff the school.

It may well be the case that school is open (with timetable changes) but your child's particular route has different conditions. In those circumstances you should liaise directly with your child's transport provider to make decisions about suitability of journeys or not and let us know if your child will be absent.

### **In the spirit of Charles Dickens and a Christmas Carol the following information regarding:**

#### **Events past**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Children in Need event: we raised £266 for this excellent cause.

Our Christmas fayre last weekend was a lovely event and is all down to your generous donations and time spent visiting or helping out; we raised an incredible £1341 which will all be spent on the children here.

**Events present**

This week started with our annual Christmas Panto which is an excellent example of the enriching experiences that the friends association provide, paid for entirely by your fund raising efforts such as from the fayre last weekend! Thank you to the Friends team for arranging this. If you have a few hours to spare to help the team please do contact the school office who will put you in touch with the Chair and mum to Toby, Amanda, who would welcome your help.

Performances are on the following dates:

11 December 2:00pm	Primary Nativity
12 December 2:00pm	KS4/5
17 December 2:00pm	KS3

Christmas lunch and a visit from Father Christmas is on 18 December.

**And events in the future!**

Our last day of term for pupils is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and pupils return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Whether your family will be celebrating Christmas in the weeks ahead or enjoying a seasonal winter break, I wish you all a happy and peaceful holiday.

Lucie