



# Gladstone Road Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



## Sending Best Wishes for Christmas

We safely made it to the end of term and we should all be very proud of everything we have achieved since September. Our children are just brilliant! Your parental support has been unwavering. The hard work and dedication of the whole staff team has been outstanding. Together we have achieved:

- A school full of happy children, who are keen to learn and making sound progress. Our recent assessments have shown that all children are making progress and accessing their learning with gusto.
- Only 2 positive cases of COVID in school, which is a miracle and testament to everyone's vigilance in supporting our safety measures.
- Our new intake of Reception children settling in on day one and 'cracking on!'
- Children enjoying high quality 'in-house' PE on our new MUGA 4G surfacing.
- Us mastering the technology to deliver virtual assemblies, celebrations and best of all – the live streaming of lessons into homes and classrooms 
- Year 3 and 4 attending the planned swimming lessons.
- Gladstone Road Primary supporting the Rainbow Centre, Poppy Appeal and Children in Need.
- Year 3 enjoying time with our Stone Age visitors from Danby Moors Centre  and many other trips and visitors across school, including the festive productions.
- The planting of our new fruit trees.
- Joint working with St Saviour's Church and Sainsbury's.
- Every child making a decoration for our amazing Christmas trees, which were kindly donated by the Friends of Gladstone Road.
- The appointment of our Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies.

The list goes on and on....

I also want to share with you some news about our Local Authority visit. On Monday this week, a representative from the Education Department spent the day with us to inspect the progress the school is making to improve since the last Ofsted inspection.

The officer was very impressed with everything overall!   Here are a few snippets for you from his verbal feedback...



I took him on a tour of the school and asked him to look at the general buzz, the children's attitudes to their learning, COVID safety etc and he picked out the following:

- The children's attitudes to learning everywhere were positive and all of the children were engaged in their learning. The school had wonderful purpose!
- Relationships between staff and children were extremely positive.
- Learning environments were a real strength.
- He was 'excited' by what we have achieved! 🙏🦋👧👁️👉
- COVID systems were clear, including safety arrangements in communal areas.
- He felt the real sense of community across the whole school 👨👩👧👦👨👩👧👦👨👩👧👦🌟
- He loved the 4G, the library and the innovative use of every available space.
- He was extremely impressed with our curriculum and the work that has gone into designing it 😎
- His expression was – Gladstone Road is a well-oiled machine!

We have clear next steps from him, which are really constructive and useful. A huge part of all of this of course is the continuous support we receive from our parents and carers – thank you 🙏

On behalf of the whole staff and Governors, we wish you a very happy 😁, safe 🛡️ and wonderful 🦋 Christmas 🎄👶🎁

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Mr Garry Johnson  
**Head teacher**