



GUISELEY
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A THINKING SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

This term has seen a number of changes in school as we continue to respond to the challenge of developing a curriculum and school environment that matches the high aspirations of our pupils. I have been delighted with the way pupils across all key stages have responded to the challenge and continue to be incredibly impressed with their excellent approach to learning and their resilience to change.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Leadership Team and Governing Body to thank both parents/carers for their continued support of the school and staff for their considerable efforts with our young people. In particular, I would like to thank parents/carers for their support in helping us to maintain high standards with regard to uniform and appearance. There has been a huge improvement in the overall appearance of our pupils over this term and this does have a positive impact on the school environment.

As the term draws to an end I would like to make you aware of some important information:

End of Autumn term/Start of Spring term dates

As you will be aware, the autumn term finishes for Christmas on Friday 21 December. Pupils will be dismissed at the start of lunch at 12.05pm. For any pupils who wish to eat in school before leaving, lunch will be available. If you would like to take advantage of this facility, please let school reception know by Monday 17 December so that we may ensure provision is arranged.

The new spring term begins for all pupils on Monday 7 January 2019 at 8.35am.

Charity Christmas Jumper Day

Whilst the official 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day' is this Friday, we will be wearing our Christmas jumpers on the last day of term (21 December) so as to coincide with our end of term Christmas assemblies. Pupils and staff will have the opportunity to donate £2 for the right to replace their school jumper for a 'Christmas Jumper' on this day (all other uniform items are required) and all the proceeds will go directly to 'Save the Children'. Pupils and staff who participate will also earn House points as the race for the House Cup intensifies.

PTA Raffle

I would like to thank the PTA for their work in continuing to raise money for the school at a time when financial restraints continue to place pressure on schools. A number of local businesses and organisations have very kindly donated prizes and the draw took place on Wednesday 12 December. Details about winning tickets and how to claim your prize will be emailed out and a full list of winners will be posted on the school website.



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Attendance

Many thanks to all the pupils who have made it into school despite the seasonal coughs and colds. Good attendance is vital for pupils' future success; research shows that 73% of pupils with attendance of 95% achieve 5 or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above. With that in mind, I would like to remind all families of the importance of full attendance in the last weeks of term; lessons will be taught as normal until Friday 21 December so pupils do need to be in class, and making the most of all their learning opportunities.

2019/20 Term Dates/School Building Project

The consultation period on our planning application has ended. At the time of writing, we are still awaiting confirmation of the next steps within that process. I will write to update parents/carers in the new year. Full term dates for the 2019/20 academic year will be issued when our buildings position is clearer. In the meantime, the start of term, October half term and Christmas holiday dates have been posted on our website.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year from all the staff and governors at Guiseley School.

Yours sincerely

Paul Clayton
Headteacher