



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly entertaining final few days of what has been a busy and successful Autumn term. We have had our final Christmas performances, which have been spectacular. I felt that all of the children in the carol concerts were a real credit to the school - they sang proudly and with great volume! It was a wonderful way to end the term and has certainly filled us with Christmas cheer. Well done to all.

We have also had a very special visitor in the form of Father Christmas, who arrived on Tuesday morning to deliver presents to every class. It was great to see him at Grovelands with a very early delivery before his real work starts next week. Thank you to FROGS for making this possible.

By the time this goes out, we will also have performed our annual Christmas staff pantomime to the whole school. With such an array of talented teachers and support staff involved, I am sure it will have been a memorable performance.

There have been a great many successes over the course of this half term, and I will pick out a few highlights. We've been able to run a range of additional provision for our most able pupils, with a variety of excellence workshops taking place in areas such as computing, maths and debating, to name just a few! We have also been able to run additional groups for our able pupils in maths and reading, and we are very proud of their Autumn progress.

SEND also continues to be a priority for the school, and a wide number of new initiatives are in place and working well. Children with additional needs are being supported through a wide range of intervention, including Read Write Inc and Number Sense, which have continued to have an impact. Speech and language support is in place for some of our younger pupils, and staff have been trained in strategies for developing vocabulary in classrooms. Our sports specialist, Anna Tambling, is running sensory circuits in order to develop fine and gross motor skills for pupils across the school. Moving into the Spring, we have already identified and are ready to roll out further intervention, particularly for those that need extra practise with phonics and reading.

I'd like to finish by saying how impressed I've been with the effort and achievement of our pupils this term. It has always been a joy to walk into classrooms or look through work and see the progress that our pupils are making. Thank you for all of your support with their learning over this first term. Thank you also to all of our staff, who have certainly worked hard to make this a fun-filled Autumn term.

Whatever your plans, I hope you have a wonderful Christmas holiday. I look forward to seeing you again in the new year, with school reopening on Thursday 3rd January!

Best wishes,

Mr Daniel Tuck
Head of School



FESTIVE FUN!



FROGS COLOURING COMPETITION

The results of the festive colouring competition are in! Here are the fantastic winning entries, selected by our sponsors HTB! They said it was very hard to choose as the standard of work was outstanding and all entrants should be very proud of their work!

The prizes were awarded in assembly today, but for your information here are our winners!

The runners-up received £10 in gift vouchers:

Alexander - Tigers
Holly - Penguins
Kacper - Panthers
Madi - Cobras

Overall winner receiving the top prize of an Amazon Fire HD Tablet:

Victoria - Pythons

Well done everyone from Frogs 

