



Reach for the Stars

# Goldstone Federation

## News

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Dear Parents/Carers

2.12.20

Welcome to our latest monthly newsletter across the Federation. I hope you are all doing well and enjoying more freedom now that we are through our second national lockdown although Tier 2 doesn't allow too much mixing to be going on of course!

The Cheswardine Parish Council has just agreed that the Cheswardine PTFA can run their Christmas Walking Market on Sunday 6th December from 11:30-3pm. They have carried out a risk assessment and are going to follow COVID safety rules so please come along and show your support. The Hinstock PTFA will also have a stall during the day. Well done to all who are putting it on at such short notice, it should be a lovely start to Christmas celebrations and Santa will be available to visit just behind the Red Lion Pub!

Children across the two schools have been working hard and all classes are now getting ready for Christmas. We should be able to share some Christmas videos and songs with everyone before the end of term. We have booked up a pantomime 'Cinderella' with the West Midlands Children's Theatre Company who have offered us so many free productions in the past. Thankyou to the PTFAs for funding this online experience!

Our recent class birthday celebrations went really well and many children wanted to express their thanks to the PTFA (busy yet again) in supporting the provision of cake and candles for this special event. The teachers worked hard on getting games and activities together and nearly everyone had a lovely afternoon, although Class 3 at Cheswardine need to be more careful with their dancing next time!

We are all really pleased with the way the schools are managing to keep going and open through these testing times and would like to say a big thankyou to everyone who is helping with this by following the guidance and getting tested if any symptoms are experienced. Hopefully vaccines are on the horizon and normality will return in the coming year but we really do appreciate all your efforts in the meantime.

Yours sincerely, *REWilliams*

Rachael Williams (Executive Headteacher)

### Cheswardine's Important News:

In December Mr Church will be retiring from teaching and leaving us for holidays, gardening and cycling! We will miss him lots and know that you will join us in wishing him well and thanking him for all his hard work since joining us in 2018.

Class 2 will continue to be taught by Mrs Tomkinson who will be joined, two days a week by Miss Gray who has been with us covering for support staff over the Autumn Term. She has recently qualified as a teacher and has shown us that she will make a great addition to the staff as we have had her covering teachers during her time with us. She will actually be in school for half of the week, allowing her time to work with Miss Tomkinson and further support the children's learning.

We would like to welcome Miss Gray to the team.



Christmas Cards must only be given within your child's bubble this year please.



### Hinstock's Important News:

In January Mrs Watkins will be moving to four days of teaching a week in Ladybirds class and Mrs Mason, who teaches in Squirrels, will be teaching in Ladybirds on a Wednesday.

Mrs Watkins will be in every other day and Miss Morris and Mr Ben will still be in the class as well.

As Mrs Mason is a teacher in Year 1/2 already, working with Mrs Watkins in Year R/1 will strengthen the team and the provision we offer our children, leading to greater consistency, particularly for Year 1s.

Mrs Watkins is a fabulous teacher and I am really pleased we are keeping her here and building the team into a stronger one at the same time.

