

#### **FAMILY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018**

## **Highlights this month**

It was a great pleasure to see so many families at parents evening and I know that many of you took the opportunity to talk about the school with our chair of governors Mrs Caroline Ilott. She was particularly delighted to learn how well new pupils have settled in this term.

School achieved some remarkable GOLD awards this term! Firstly we were gold champions of NCS (National Citizen Service). The award was for the high percentage of eligible students that participated. This is a remarkable testament to our 6<sup>th</sup> form staff and the success of our outward facing curriculum. Leading TA Harry Robbins was pleased to accept the award in London on behalf of the school.

I have also been to St James Palace this week with two of our previous students to collect their Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards from HRH the Duke of Wessex. For any students, D of E awards represent a level of significant personal challenge, for our students to achieve them is an example to us all of resilience and determination. Well done to all our bronze, silver and gold winners and those who are currently working so hard on their own badges.

### **Looking ahead to Christmas**

Our Christmas trees are up and the children are looking forward to our school events already! For those of you who are new to Granta, we invite you to a pupil led performance (see dates below), Santa usually comes to visit (shhhh), we have a shared christmas lunch (vegetarian option available) and classes have a private outing or party of their own. Please be assured that if you would prefer your child not to take part in these events for religious or cultural reasons then we can and will provide happy alternative activities for them. Please ensure that your child's class teacher knows in writing if you would prefer them to be withdrawn from Christmas arrangements. Thank you

### **Helpful information**

Today we have put on our website a link to a helpful leaflet regarding toilet training which you may find useful.

I have also received information about a website which searches for accessible places to go when out and about which might be helpful to you: www.AccessAble.co.uk

# Finally a word from Friends of Granta

Don't forget our winter fayre tomorrow Saturday 1st December!

A huge thank you to the Linton Co-op and local residents for the generous donation which Lucie received on our behalf last weekend. We will spend it directly on the children.

## **Dates for your diary**

| Tuesday 11 December   | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form/KS4 Performance (pm) |
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| Wednesday 12 December | Panto (LVC)                               |
| Thursday 13 December  | Primary Nativity (pm)                     |
| Friday 14 December    | KS3 Performance (pm)                      |
| Tuesday 18 December   | Christmas Lunch                           |
| Wednesday 19 December | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Christmas Lunch      |

Best wishes

Lucie