



## Newsletter Term 2: Issue 9

December 2021

### Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers and friends,

What a festive week we have had, with students beginning to look forward to the holidays and some well-needed recuperation. This term is typically cold and dark, however we have yet to have a prolonged cold freeze to date.

I have received several enquiries around confirmed Covid cases and would like to confirm that we haven't yet had to take action to either send anyone (staff or student) home with a confirmed case. I thank you all for remaining vigilant and keeping your child off if there has been a suspected or confirmed case within the household. This responsible approach has ensured that we haven't had to close at any point since the Pandemic began, unless directed by the Government.

Please do revisit my previous emails around the timetable change in the holidays to prepare your child for the changes to lesson times. This is also on the website under Parent Info.

I would like to wish you on behalf of us all at Blue Skies, a very happy Christmas and a well-deserved rest. Staff and myself would like to thank many of you for your recent generosity, I understand this time of year brings financial pressures on many families, and we certainly are not expectant of any gifts.

We look forward to seeing students refreshed and eager for a new year on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Kind regards, Graham

### **Designated Safeguarding Leads:**

**Graham Richards** – Headteacher – Lead DSL

**Sam Gracey** – Senior Teacher – Deputy DSL

**Jo Higgins** – Proprietor – Overseeing Safeguarding

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### **Fundraising News**

Thank you to everyone who helped Blue Skies raise  
£50 for Children in Need charity.  
Your donations were greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your generous contributions for  
Shoe Box Appeal.

### **Diary Dates:**

25th Dec 2021 - Christmas Day

4th Jan 2022 - Staff Development Day

5th Jan 2021 - Term 3 starts - students return  
back to school

### **Birthday Wishes:**

25th December 2021 - Lewis

2nd January 2022 - Sam G

5th Jan - Danielle

6th Jan - Muhaymin

25th Jan - Natalie

25th Jan - Aiste

**Happy Birthday to you all, from all at Blue Skies  
School!**

# Highlights Reel

## Term 2

During this term, some of our students attended Animal Care course at MidKent College where they learnt how to properly handle and care for animals. The majority of the students took part in Remembrance Day ceremony at Chatham Dockyard. They also enjoyed various trips to cinema, Bluewater and Rochester Christmas market. Nimbus, Alto, Stratus and Cumulus class were very busy baking and decorating gingerbread biscuits, making christmas wreaths & cards and solving Escape Room challenges created by our staff members Sarah and Sam G. The whole school had a lovely celebration dinner at Copperfields carvery.

**Thank you and Well done to everyone.**

Kian & Leo  
baking gingerbread biscuits



**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022**

### Dear students

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Wednesday **5th January 2022.**

**From The Blue Skies Team**