

Friday 4 December 2020

Dear Parents

I have mixed emotions about writing this final newsletter of the autumn term. There is the feeling of excitement as the term draws to a close with our Christmas events planned for next week. The children are very excited and looking forward to their Christmas parties, Christmas Concerts and even the possibility of a socially distanced visit from Father Christmas to finish off the term.

Some of the children are beginning to tire now, as this term is traditionally the most challenging for them in many ways. Our Half Day children have settled into School so well since their first tentative steps in through the doors; the progress they have made from the beginning of September is most remarkable. Full Day children have adjusted seamlessly to their programme of learning including the focus on assessment preparation that has taken place over the last few months.

Please take some time over the break to allow your children some down time. They have worked incredibly hard and will really benefit from family time with their loved ones alongside fresh air, exercise and relaxation.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back with renewed energy in the New Year of 2021.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the staff at Broadhurst.

This term has brought its challenges to us all but the staff have remained committed, pulling together for the children, and working tirelessly with a positive attitude and a smile that epitomises Broadhurst.

I would like to also say a special thank you to Miss Belzer, Mrs Macdonald and Arpuna for the support they quietly and continually offer me and the teaching team as we go.

Christmas Concerts - I understand from some parents that the children have enthusiastically been practising their Christmas songs at home. Practices at school are going well and we are looking forward to filming the children's performances next week (Full Day classes on Monday and Half Day classes on Tuesday). We hope to share these with you by the end of next week.

Christmas Party Food Donations - we are very grateful for the food donations that our reps have kindly coordinated. There will be boxes outside School on Monday for their delivery; if it is possible to label the items with the appropriate class number, this would be helpful.

I wish you all a lovely weekend. We look forward to seeing the children again on Monday for the final short week of term.

Best wishes

Mrs Sylvester

Curriculum News from Miss Belzer

The children are in full cheer and in the Christmas spirit. We are looking forward to singing our Christmas songs next week and hope you enjoy watching the video recording with your child at home. In class, we have been creating wonderful crafts and decorations and all the classrooms are looking enchanting. You may like to try some more craft activities over the holidays.



Hand and Foot Print Crafts



Cupcake Case Christmas Tree



Paper Roll Snowman



Threading Candy Cane

Miss Belzer

Diary Dates:

Christmas Concerts

Mon 7 Dec- Full Day
Tues 8 Dec- Half Day-
recorded in School to
then be shared with
parents

Christmas Parties for Children

Thurs 10 December

Term Ends:

Thurs 10 December
12:00 Noon for Full Day
Normal finish times for
Half Day- i.e.
12:30/40 or 3:30/40pm

Spring Term Starts: Tuesday 5 January



Class 7 News

We have had some festive fun this week! Some of our favourite activities have included painting snowmen, decorating our tree and using our fine motor skills to make paper chain decorations for our classroom. We have been learning about different celebrations and the children were excited to share their experiences of Christmas and Hannukah, which has been lovely. Our role play area has been transformed into a Christmas post office and many children have been wrapping presents and writing Christmas cards.

In phonics this week we have been developing our knowledge of the sounds q,v,y and writing the letters correctly; we have also been blending words that include these sounds. In literacy, we have been learning about the features of a book, including discussing the illustrator and the author. We have been using our inference skills to predict what might happen next.

In maths, we were very excited to look for numbers and shapes in our environment, we even found them in the garden!

In P.E we have learning how to control a ball. We set a net up in the garden and we practised kicking the ball into the goal and cheering for our friends.

Everyone in class 7 has been working hard to learn all of the Christmas songs for our performance and we have enjoyed creating wonderful hats as part of our costumes. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Miss Buckler

Class 7 Photo Gallery

