



## BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 18 DECEMBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Who said Christmas was cancelled? Celebrations have certainly been alive here in school this week! We must take this opportunity to extend a huge thank you to the staff team who have worked so hard to ensure the children have had an absolutely fantastic Christmas week and term. The children have enjoyed their parties, some virtual Christmas shows, the PTA raffle draw and lots of classroom fun. We have loved sharing the class Christmas messages and watching the children shine. These are now on the Google Classrooms for you to enjoy.

It is with some sadness that we could not meet together for our Carol Service at St James' Church this year, but we hope you will enjoy sharing the service as a family, as we have in our bubbles at school today, it is also on your child's google classroom. We want to thank Linda Hunter for all her work in preparing the service and all our friends at St James' and St. Andrew's, including Rev David, for their support too.

Many thanks for all the Christmas wishes and kind gifts. Although we never expect this, your kindness has raised many smiles and we are very grateful. I'd also like to say a big thank you to the PTA for organising the fabulous raffle hampers which raised £354 and for funding The Holly and Ivy show last week. Thanks also to families for their generous prize donations and for the donations towards our two charities. £88.50 has been raised for Save the Children and £76.50 has been raised for The Children's Society.

Finally, this has been a year like no other with challenges and difficulties which we wish we had not had to experience. That said, the strength, courage and unity we have found within our school and community has helped us reflect on how much we have to be grateful for. Now, more than ever before, we recognise the importance of relationships, including our families and friends, and while remaining safe we hope you can all celebrate the joy of Christmas with loved ones this holiday.

We hope the peace and joy of Christmas will be with you all and following a rest with our loved ones, we all look forward to welcoming you back to school in the New Year.

Merry Christmas and God Bless.

*J Ainsley & S Gray*  
Executive Head Teacher  
Executive Deputy Head Teacher



**Diary Dates:** Dates in red are new dates which have been added

| Date                        | Event   | Notes                      |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| <b>January 2021</b>         |   |                            |
| Tuesday 5 January 2021      | School Re-opens following Christmas Break       |                            |
| <b>Wednesday 13 January</b> | Swimming lessons commence for Year 3 & 4 pupils | More information to follow |
| <b>February</b>             |   |                            |
| Friday 12 February          | Daft as a Brush - Non Uniform Day               | Details to follow          |
| <b>March</b>                |   |                            |
| Friday 19 March             | Red Nose Day                                    |                            |
| July 2021                   |   |                            |
| 16 July                     | School Closes for Summer Break                  |                            |
| September                   |   |                            |
| Tuesday 7 September         | School Re-opens following Summer Break          |                            |

***Every Wednesday for Years 1 & 2 Recorder Lessons!***

***Remember to bring in your recorder.***