



BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 11 DECEMBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a truly lovely, festive week in school this week. Our children have been putting the finishing touches to our virtual celebrations and we are very much looking forward to sharing these with each other and you next week. On Tuesday we enjoyed a (slightly wet) Santa Dash complete with our best dance moves, Santa walk, Ho Ho Ho's and a festive dash. Although we had to stay in our bubbles, all being out together and cheering each other on was lovely – if you were about in the village on Tuesday afternoon you may have even heard the various renditions of Jingle Bells and We Wish you a Merry Christmas coming from the playground!

On Thursday we enjoyed a truly delicious lunch cooked by Marrie and Gillian, the children looked amazing in their festive clothes and we even had a surprise visit from Santa in to our secret garden grotto! We also enjoyed making Christingles on Thursday followed by a special Christingle virtual service, log in to your child's google classroom to see some pictures from the day!

Making our Christingles gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on what is truly important at this time of year. It has been a challenging year for many and it is important that we give thought to those who have been affected both within our own families and in to our wider community, but by bringing a little light in to the lives of others, we can spread a bit of happiness and joy for everyone.

Next week we look forward to our class parties and more festivities. We will be drawing the PTA raffle for the most fabulous hampers, if you haven't got your tickets yet, you don't want to miss out!

Have a lovely weekend.

J Ainsley & S Gray

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher



Parochial Parish Council Feedback

In response to the Admissions Consultation the PCC sent this message this week which we wanted to share. Their support is much appreciated.

The PCC would also wish at this point to express its great appreciation for the dedicated professionalism of the leadership team and staff, both teaching and non-teaching, and for the commitment of the Board of Governors for their remarkable contribution to the development of the school.

Message from St James' Church – Christmas Eve – Journey to Bethlehem

To all families and friends: Because of current restrictions, St James's Church is unable to hold the usual Crib Service this year, but something very special has been planned instead! Please join us at this wonderful time of year for our **Journey to Bethlehem**. The children of our school have been working with St James's Church on a super journey in pictures leading from the angel foretelling the birth of Jesus to the nativity itself. **Church will be open on Christmas Eve between 2 pm and 6 pm** and everyone is invited to join us whenever they choose between these times to make the journey through words and pictures. Of course, visitors will need to observe the Covid guidelines and family bubbles are particularly welcomed along with individuals. We have given plenty of time for all who wish to come along to join with us, but of course social distancing will need to be observed and adults will need to wear masks. Attendance will be registered by QR code or manually for track and trace purposes. Please do join us. This will be a very special afternoon which is aimed at the whole family, though particularly at children.

Advent boxes for the foodbank

Thank you for all donations to the foodbank – they are very much appreciated.

School Admissions Criteria

Governors have opened a consultation on school's admission's criteria. This can be found on our website. The consultation runs from Friday 13th November until Monday 28th December 2020, and all comments are welcome.

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

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 28 September	INTRODUCTION OF ADULT FACE COVERINGS FOR COLLECTION AND DROP OFF We recognise some people will have medical reasons for not using a face covering and we ask that all adults play their own part without commenting on the behaviour of others.	
December		
Monday 14 December	Holly & Ivy Performance for pupils	Taking place in school
Tuesday 15 December	Reception Christmas Party	More information to follow
Wednesday 16 December	Year 3/4 Christmas Party	More information to follow
Thursday 17 December	Year 1/2 Christmas Party	More information to follow
Friday 18 December	Christmas Carol Service in school	To be shared virtually with families
Friday 18 December	Break up for Christmas Holidays	
January 2021		
Tuesday 5 January 2021	School Re-opens following Christmas Break	
February		
Friday 12 February	Daft as a Brush - Non Uniform Day	Details to follow
March		
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.