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# Brabourne CE Primary School



Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## **Craft event**

You may have seen the lovely wreath on the front of the school door. This was created by the Roberts family, who held a craft event at the weekend to raise money for the school and a homeless charity. I know the family are so appreciative of those of you that supported them. On behalf of the school, we would like to say a huge thank you to Jesse and the other members of the family who had the idea to hold the event; so far they have raised over £600! I received an email below from one of the villagers and thought I would share it, as I think it speaks for itself:

*I was invited to a Christmas Craft Fair by Jesse's Nan last Saturday as Jesse had decided he wanted to raise some money for the homeless and his school. I was amazed at the effort Jesse and his family had put into the sale. Beautiful crafts made by Jesse, his siblings his mum and 2 Nans'. Jesse was so enthusiastic as were his siblings and were out in the cold greeting villagers with a smile and inviting them to buy the lovely crafts on display. In these difficult times I felt quite emotional seeing this lovely family making such an effort to raise money for others. We hear so much about what is wrong with the young when in reality there is so much that is good to celebrate as Jesse has proven.*

*Well done Brabourne School for doing a great job turning out kids such as young Jesse.*

*Kind regards*

## **Donations**

A huge thank you to everyone who has sent in food donations for the Church collection, we have received an enormous amount already – if you do have anything more to donate please send into school by this **Friday**, to enable the Rev. Denyer time to distribute everything.

We have also been advised that £189.67 was raised for the Poppy Appeal – a wonderful amount for a school of this size and I am most grateful to all our parents for their support.

## **Christmas cards/gifts**

Due to regulations this year, we are asking the children to send Christmas cards only to pupils in their class. Each classroom will have a place for the cards to be kept and we do need all cards in by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Although staff do by no means expect cards or presents from parents, a couple of parents have asked about dropping off gifts. If you would like to give something to the class team, please could you drop the gift off by Monday 14<sup>th</sup>, as we will leave them in quarantine for a few days before the end of term.

## **Christmas events:**

Although this is a very unusual year and lots of the normal Christmas events are not taking place, we will be working to make it as exciting as possible for the children. Each class is preparing a short play/nativity or service for Christmas and we hope to record these for parents to be able to view at the end of term. We are planning to post these videos on a secure web platform, where parents will be able to view them over the Christmas holidays. These will not be accessible by the general public and parents/carers will only be able to see them, when issued with a password. If any parent/carers would not like their child to appear in the video, please let the teachers know.

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**Last Day – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – children may come in wearing party clothes but please make sure they also wear hats/gloves/coats and have sensible footwear. We will arrange for a few treats within each classroom for the afternoon and there is no need for parents to send anything else into school.

### **2021 Primary Admissions**

If you have a child due to start school in September 2021, please do make sure you have completed the online application process before 15 January 2021.

### **After school clubs**

Please note that after school clubs finish this Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and there will be no clubs in the first week back after the holidays. Early Morning club will be running as usual from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

It has been a hugely challenging year, but one in which we have seen huge amounts of kindness and care for others within our school community. I would like to reiterate my thanks to parents and carers for their support for the school during these times. Finally, I would like to thank the wonderful children and staff for their hard work and dedication to the school. We look to 2021 with our school value of Hope and I wish all of our staff, governors, pupils and their families a restful and peaceful Christmas with loved ones.

### **Reminders**

- 1) All children should bring a water bottle into school please – they are now required for lunch times (to avoid the need for plastic cups).
- 2) Please make sure your child has coat/hat/gloves in cold weather.

**Andrew Stapley**  
**Headteacher**

### **Dates for diary**

Tues 15 Dec – Flu immunisation  
Weds 16 Dec – School Christmas Dinner  
Thurs 17 Dec – Term 2 ends  
Mon 4 Jan – Term 3 starts

