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Brabourne CE Primary School



Newsletter 1st December 2021

Children in Need

A huge thank you to Jupiter class for helping to raise an astounding £627.57 for Children in Need! The sponsored silence alone raised £271 (I did hear Miss Unsworth say it could be something she might do every week....!) and the rest was raised from the cake sale and non-uniform collection. My thanks to all our parents, for being so very supportive in this fundraising event.

I have not yet heard how much the school raised for the Poppy Appeal – I will let parents know as soon as I hear.

Sports

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 football team who won 4-0 (goals from Ryan, Albert and Harry) against Aldington last week and very well done to George Read who was named Man of the Match! Coach Dom commented on how the team showed great sportsmanship and fair-play.

Wreaths – Roberts

I'm sure everyone will recall the wonderful Christmas wreaths and decorations, made by the Roberts family, last year. The Roberts are holding another fundraising event (on their driveway) on Saturday, 18th December starting at 10am. Jesse is the 'mastermind' behind this fundraising (with a huge amount of help and support from his family!) and the proceeds will be split between the school PTA and 'Betel UK', a drugs rehabilitation charity. Do please go along and support this if you can – please ask Mrs. Roberts for the address (we wish to avoid putting it out on a newsletter).

COVID

We are still seeing a steady stream of positive COVID cases in school and, following recent guidance, we now require all visitors to the school, to wear masks. I would like to thank all of you for being so understanding when we ask for your child to have a PCR test, even if, in some cases, they may have had a negative test a few days before. We have found, on several occasions, that a second test a few days later gives a positive result.

Christmas Events

At this point in time we are planning to go ahead with our Christmas plays and Church service. We will have to ask all adults to wear a mask, both in school and in Church, and will limit families attending to 2 adults only, plus any pre-school siblings. Please note that Jupiter class (Years 5 & 6) will be performing the Christmas play with Neptune class (Years 3 & 4) leading the Church service. If parents are not able to attend the main performances:

- 1) Infants Friday, 10th December at 2pm
- 2) Years 5 & 6 Wednesday, 15th December at 6.30pm

they may attend the dress rehearsals but please, do not arrive more than 5 minutes before the start times (see below).

Doors will open for the evening performance at 6.10pm, so please do not arrive before this time.

School Dinners

Please note that, as from 1st January 2022, Caterlink will not accept any cash whatsoever, for school dinners. All parents will have to pay online from that date although I would suggest any parents,

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who previously paid in cash, start paying through the online system from now, in order to check their online account is set up correctly.

Siblings starting in September 2022

A reminder that the online application system is now open and parents should apply by 17th January 2022 (please do not assume that KCC are aware your current child has a sibling starting).

Reports

PTA News

The PTA Christmas Raffle is going to be held online this year - raffle tickets have to be bought online by visiting: <https://brabourne-pta.rallyup.com/brabourne-pta-raffle-2021>. Winners will be drawn on 12th December at midday. Please share this with family and friends, all proceeds go to Brabourne PTA. Local companies and individuals have been very generous and some of the amazing prizes available include £150 towards a Holiday Extras Shortbreak, £50 to spend at the Wife of Bath in Wye, Afternoon Tea at the Secret Garden, tickets to Port Lympne, food hampers, bottles of sparkling wine and lots more.

- The Brabourne School Christmas Fair is going to take place on 11th December 2021 between 1pm and 3pm. This is going to be held outside in the playground this year (fingers crossed for the weather!!) and we will have lots of games and craft stalls, Santa's grotto, a cake sale and more. Please come and support us and bring family and friends along!

- We do need volunteers for the Christmas Fair to help us run the stalls. Please let us know now if you can help. As a small PTA we can't run a fair by ourselves and can only make this happen with the support of volunteers on the day. To put your name down email us at brabournecepspta@gmail.com, let us know on Facebook or tell us at drop off/pick up. Thank you!

- Last but not least a **BIG Thank You** to everyone who braved the cold and came to the Carols on the Green last Friday. We raised about £120. Thank you!!

Reminders

- 1) At school events (e.g. Christmas Fair) please do not block neighbours' driveways.
- 2) All children must bring coats/hats/gloves in this cold weather (including on PE days).
- 3) Please do not park in the centre of the car park, which then blocks other parents from circling the tree and going back up the school road.

With best wishes
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

Dates for diary

Fri 3 Dec	PTA non-uniform day – Items for food hampers
Fri 10 Dec	Infant dress rehearsal – 9.30am school hall
	KS2 dress rehearsal – 10.35am school hall
	Infant (YR, Y1 & Y2) Nativity Performance – 2pm school hall
	PTA non-uniform day - bottle
Sat 11 Dec	PTA – Christmas Fair 1-3pm
Mon 13 Dec	PTA Panto in school

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Wed 15 Dec School Christmas dinner
KS2 (Y5-6) Christmas performance – School hall 6.30pm
Thurs 16 Dec Christmas Church Service 9am – Brabourne Church
School Christmas Party
Thurs 16 Dec Term 2 ends

