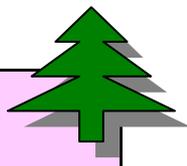




Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter



HEADTEACHER UPDATE



After the drama of Monday's snow, what a fabulously festive week it has been, featuring a number of seasonal highlights as we approach the end of term. I wish to congratulate all of our amazing children on their wonderful Early Years' Nativity and Key Stage 1 and 2 'Straw and Order' Christmas Concert performances this week, which were once more of a very high standard. Seeing the passion and effort our children put into their singing is always a delight and we hope you equally enjoyed sharing these special moments and are feeling suitably Christmassy as a result. Thank you and well done similarly to all of our staff for preparing their classes so well.

Our merry Michelin-starred kitchen staff also performed miracles on Wednesday, doing a wonderful job preparing and serving Christmas dinner to the school. Thank you ladies – a great job! It was also quite refreshing and slightly surprising to see the resurgence in the popularity of sprouts...

Our Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed a French afternoon on Thursday, learning language and customs of the season in France. Thank you to Mrs Ward for organising this. Christmas parties are scheduled and have been occurring, Christmas jumpers have been aplenty and we hope all of our children have enjoyed/enjoy themselves. This will be the last newsletter of the term and we hope you are able to mark the end of term at next Tuesday's End of Term Service. This will start at 1:30pm prompt at St Augustine's and collection thereafter is from the church. There are similarly a good number of services over the Christmas period and we hope you attend and enjoy these at such a special time for families.

Our PTA Gift Sale was a great success today and we wish to convey our appreciation to all members of our PTA who assisted in setting this up and running it during the day.

Our Year 5 & 6s had an enjoyable afternoon today singing Christmas Carols in Hoddesdon. Well done to them, I understand they were in fine voice.

Advance notice that on Sunday 7th January at 9:30am, this will be our third 'Broxbourne Goes to Church' and we would love to start the new year together, enjoying collective worship as part of the community and looking forward to the new year ahead and all the promise this offers. All at Broxbourne wish you a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 4th January. We wish you peace, joy and every happiness over this period and for the new year.



Best wishes Paul Miller





END OF TERM SERVICE

Our End of Term Service will be held in St Augustine's Church on Tuesday, 19th December at 1.30pm. As usual you are very welcome to join us for this service. If you are coming along to the church with a younger child, we request that they sit with you in the pews and are supervised, so that they do not disrupt the service in any way. We encourage parents to show respect for other people's opportunity to worship and to ensure everyone is able to fully enjoy the service. If your child is unable to sit quietly, please feel free to take them out of the main church and wait in the inner porch, until they are able to return. Thank you.

If you are not able to attend the service, **please collect your child/children via the side entrance of Church, at 2.00pm**. Staff will be unable to admit parents/carers who arrive significantly after the service has begun. If your child normally has a sandwich lunch, please could they bring this in a disposable bag on Tuesday, 19th December, which can then be thrown away before the children walk to church. Please note water bottles and book bags are **NOT** required on Tuesday. Thank you.



200 CLUB

This month's winner was Mrs Laura Smithers parent to Blake in EY2. The next draw takes place on Monday, 10th January - this will include the usual £15 monthly draw and the annual school birthday draw of £80. New members are always welcome. Application forms are available from the school office.



COLLECTIONS

The fantastic sum of £431.37 was raised at our recent Carol Services at St Augustine's Church for the Kingfisher Council's chosen charity 'Teens Unite', more than last year with one less performance! The Early Years' Nativity raised a further £122.27. The amount raised at the EY2, KS1 and KS2 non uniform days and end of term service will be advised when we return to school in the new year. Thank you for your extremely generous donations in helping this worthy charity.



St Augustine's Church
 Family Crib Service
 All ages Welcome
 11am, Sunday 17th December



CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

On Christmas Eve the Carols by Candlelight has 2 services - one at 2.30pm, another at 4pm (both child friendly) .

At St Laurence Church, Wormley on Christmas Eve there is a 2.30pm All Age Christmas Crib Service.



SWIMMING

Year 3 & Year 4
 Swimming slips are due
 in by Friday, 5th January



THANK YOU

A big thank you from
 all staff for all your
 kind gifts and cards
 this year.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

On behalf of everyone at school, we wish all our families a very enjoyable Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on
Thursday, 4th January 2018.



Next Term

Date	
4th January	EY1 - Year 6 Back to School
10th January	School's 87th Birthday
25th January	Year 5 & Year 6 Cargo Workshop
8th February	Year 5 Robotics Workshop
9th February	Reports sent home
12th - 16th February	Half Term
28th February	Parents' Evening 5.30pm-8.30pm
1st March	Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm
9th March	PTA Mother's Day Sale
22nd March	Year 3 Verulamium Trip
29th March	Last Day of Term (all year groups) End of Term Service 1.30pm
30th March	Easter Holiday
16th April	INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED