

Spring Term Issue 3

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Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time and trouble to express your views online in readiness for next Wednesday's Vision and Values collective first session, involving invited pupils, parents, staff and governors. We look forward to collaboratively considering the aspects we currently do well and beginning the process of developing these into a coherent form. We will be looking at where we wish the school community to be in ten years' time. The Kingfisher Council will be representing the voice of their classmates and all parents of the current Kingfisher Council who have received a letter are invited to attend.

This week all teaching staff attended a 'Risk Taking in Writing' session led by Herts for Learning English Advisor, Martin Galway. Our Early Years' Team also attended a 'Making Every Interaction Count' session and returned feeling this to have also been highly worthwhile. There has been much enthusiastic discussion and as a result, a number of exciting ideas and outcomes will further benefit our children.

We also hosted a session exemplifying what constitutes effective progress on Thursday for 32 of our local colleagues, and our own staff team. You no doubt spotted a number of cars on this particular afternoon. Adopting a collegial approach, with learning as the focus, is how good practice is spread, and innovative ideas further developed.

This will further benefit our children and their learning. We felt our books were exemplary, enjoyed the afternoon and already have a number of aspects that as a staff we will be taking forward over the remainder of the academic year.

Broxbourne's Got Talent auditions start next week and we have some very excited Year 3 to 6 pupils ready to attend at their allotted times. We will announce the final short-list once all auditions are concluded.

Good luck to all involved!

We hope your weekends are excellent.

Best wishes Paul Miller

PTA MEETING

7.15pm - Tuesday, 30th January

**All are welcome! Please see
email sent earlier in the week
for more details**

FORGOTTEN PROPERTY

If children forget to bring items into school that are necessary for the school day and you wish to bring these up to school, please place them in the forgotten property box in the cupboard in the main entrance. Children can check this box throughout the day. It is the children's responsibility to collect items from the forgotten property box. Early Years and Key Stage 1 children will be supported by classroom staff to do so. Office staff are unable to take items to classrooms. Children will not be allowed to telephone home for any items they have forgotten.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographs are on display in the Main Entrance. Do come in and have a look. Photos are available at a cost of 50p each, to cover administration costs. Photos will be e-mailed and all orders should be placed by Friday, 9th February 2018. We will be asking you to sign to ensure these photographs do not get uploaded to social network sites or other internet sites. They can, of course, be shared with family and friends but you are responsible for ensuring they do not publish the photo online. Thank you for your assistance with this.

ATTENDANCE

It is more important than ever for children to have a good education if they are to enjoy the best possible opportunities in adult life. Children only get one chance at school and your child's chances of a successful future may be affected by not attending school regularly. Please **do not** take children on holiday in school time, as your child may miss vital parts of the curriculum. Any absences that fall below 95% will be followed up by the Headteacher each term, in line with Hertfordshire County Council guidance.

Please **DO NOT** send your child in if they are ill. Please ensure your child is well enough to return and that **48hrs** has elapsed after vomiting or diarrhoea. This will help to contain infection. Thank you.

HAIR REMINDER

Please see below an extract from the administration sheets, which are handed out each September, regarding the expectations regarding hair:

'For reasons of safety:-

- We ask all children to tie their hair back, if long enough. This is particularly important during games and PE. Hair should be kept neat in conventional styles to the satisfaction of staff and Governors. Hair should be cut no shorter than Number 2 - with no patterns or significant difference in grade lengths. Hair products and braids/beads must not be worn. Hair bands and slides etc. should be kept small, simple and be in school colours. Hard hair bands should not be worn for P.E.'

This is relevant to all children from EY1 to Year 6.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

