



Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Happy Advent! Christmas preparations are now well underway as we prepare ourselves for this special time in our school. Over the next two weeks and two days there will be a great number of special memories created. We are looking forward to sharing and enjoying all of these with you. Be it your child's first nativity performance, or whether you are a more seasoned campaigner, we hope you are looking forward to attending either our Christmas Performance at St Augustine's and/or our Early Years Nativity Production here at School.

We received a thank you letter from the Hoddesdon Christmas Parcel Scheme for all of your kind contributions of tea. These will be divided up and delivered with other goods to the elderly by youth groups this weekend. Thank you.

Thank you also on behalf of our Kingfisher Council to all who contributed to their class totals this week during their 'Make a Snake and Win a Cake' 50p initiative. Just short of £300 was raised for our local focus charity 'Teens Unite' and we were delighted Mrs Fleming (Parent & Governor of our School) from Teens Unite was able to join us on Thursday to announce the result.

Alex in Year 5 continues to develop his love of chess and has amazingly just become the South East of England Chess Champion. We were all able to congratulate him on this fantastic achievement during today's assembly. Mr Carroll and Mrs Melidoro, who run our chess club are very proud! Very well done Alex.

Our Year attended our local council offices this week and held a debate regarding whether SATs should remain or be abolished. They had an excellent morning learning how local government runs and at the end of the debate rather surprisingly... they voted in favour of SATs remaining!!!

We wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes Paul Miller

PTA Update
Christmas Gift Sale

We are really looking forward to our Christmas gift sale on Friday 15th December. It is a lovely occasion where the children get a chance to buy gifts for their loved ones.

This year we are asking for your kind donations of any of the following:

Men's Gifts – We always need more for the dads. If you have an unopened gift box, a new scarf you're never going to wear or some toiletries etc. please bring them in.

Children's Gifts – For varying ages. We particularly need more for older boys and girls.

Women's Gifts—As much as we appreciate your used items for other events, could we ask that you only bring in new or nearly new (very good condition) items for the Sale. We want your children to have a great choice of gifts to bring home to you.

Please bring all you donations to the office and place in the PTA cupboard.

Next PTA meeting

We will be holding our next meeting this Tuesday 5th December at 7.30pm in the Fox's Den. Everyone is very welcome to come along as all parents are members of the PTA –If you can't make it but have any questions, comments or feedback, please email pta@broxbourne-pri.herts.sch.uk.

Agenda items for the next meetings will include:

- Science Week
- Dates for upcoming events
- Christmas fair summary and debrief
- Gift sale planning
- Wildlife garden renovation project - update
- AOB

We hope to see you there!

Love
Your PTA

ADVENT VENTURE

Festive fun at St Augustine's church this Saturday, 2nd December 2.30pm - 5.30pm Activities include decorating the tree, Children's activities, many stalls including new Lego and refreshments. Switching on the lights on the tree at 5pm, free hot drinks, mince pies and singing carols round the tree. Something for everyone.

Families particularly welcome!

SCOOTERS

We do not permit the riding of Scooters within the school grounds, **including** the Key Stage 1 pathway (leading to Years 1 and 2). It is your responsibility to ensure your children (**including** younger siblings) adhere to this school rule, for their own and other people's safety. Please ensure you can see your child at all times.

CHURCH NEWS!

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The special Christingle Service to remember Jesus, the light of the world, at St Augustine's Church, Broxbourne will be on Sunday, 3rd December at 9.30am. Come and join this informal service where the children receive the Christingle orange and candle.



Christmas Storytime

at Hoddesdon Library on Saturday
2nd December at 11.00am

Activity sessions are free but have a suggested voluntary donation of £1.00



PANTO

This year the Panto is once again being paid for by the PTA. The whole school will watch the Panto, 'Hansel & Gretel', on the morning of Friday, 8th December. Thank you to the PTA for funding this annual festive event.



POPPY APPEAL

We have been sent a thank you note from the Royal British Legion for all our support. We raised a brilliant £298.09, which will be used to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.

