

December Newsletter

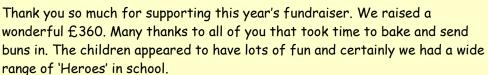
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PFA

Please see the latest PFA newsletter on the school website. Paper copies have been sent home. The response to the cards has been wonderful. Thank you all. We have a few donations for Christmas hampers - please remember to support the PFA in this activity. The last day for these items is Friday 5th December.



Friendship Week

Well done to all the children who have taken part in our Friendship Work over the last couple of weeks. Children have been thinking about how to be a good friend and empathise with others. Towards the end of the Friendship Week, lots of children shared their optional homework in assembly. Selecting a winner was challenging but congratulations to Nina. Her winning picture has been 'tweeted' and is on this letter for you to see (see left).

Congratulations Ben (Y6), Izzy (Y5) and Jakob (Y5). Our School Librarians have nominated you Readers of the Week!



The PFA are delighted to announce they have started a 'Brockwell Junior School PFA' facebook page.

If you 'like' this site you will automatically get any updates regarding PFA matters.

Please note the PFA are managing this site. Staff at school have no responsibility for it.

INSET DAYS 2015 -2016

Monday September 7th 2015 Monday 2nd November 2015 Monday 6th June 2016 Monday 25th July 2016 Tuesday 26th July 2016

PFA WINTER WARMER:

Looking ahead, please begin to think about the 'Winter Warmer' planned in the New Year. During this chance to come in and have a warm drink children can buy unwanted books to take home. If you have any unwanted children's books please send them in after the school holiday.

ECO Group

You may have noticed our ECO group have been busy planting our orchard on the Ashgate Valley Road side of school and trees down our driveway. This was all part of the Green Fire Initiative. Whilst we've paid for the shrouds and stakes, all the trees were donated to school. Huge thanks to the ECO group. They worked in the cold and drizzle to plant a wonderful selection of cherries, apple and pear trees ready for an official 'opening' nearer our 50th birthday celebrations in July. Please help us take care of the young trees by ensuring footballs after school do not damage them.

DISCO

Tuesday 2nd December 5pm to 6.30pm. We do need parents to come and help with this. It's not too late to let us know you can help. Please call school 01246 278542 if the PFA do not already know you intend to help but you can. Your help would be much welcomed.

50th Birthday

We now have a designated email address:

<u>contactus@brockwell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk</u>

Please let any old friends or colleagues know we are having a celebration in July and we'd love to hear from them. Later in the year we can start a Hall of Fame and get the old photos out!

Attendance:

Our target is 97%. Our actual attendance to November 21st is 97.43%. As we head into the winter may I thank you for supporting us reach this target.

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Curriculum News

Year 6 - Shakespeare

The children had the benefit of the wonderful Young Shakespeare Company workshop and performance of Macbeth. They are producing some fantastic writing as a result. Year 6 are making the animals you'll see displayed in the hall for the Christmas Play. Children, please keep up with your 'My Maths'. Just a reminder also to parents...please would you ask your child questions about the stories / books your child is reading. This would boost comprehension skills. We do have cards that support this – just ask.

Year 5 - <mark>SOS</mark>

Disasters including recent world challenges; fundraising including charity work and the eruption of Vesuvius are all aspects of Year 5 work this term. Reminder that 5S are now swimming and please, please ensure your child is encouraged to practise playing his/her clarinet as often as possible.

Year 4 - The Show Must Go On!

It's nearly ready! Thanks to all of you for the huge support we've had with costumes. Everyone has an acting, dancing or part helping with the music and stage. We've also had time to look at playscripts and think about different characters. Do have a look through all your child's books at our Open Afternoon on the 16th December .

Year 3 - Stoneage

Through literacy and topic work we're learning about the Stone and Bronze Ages through to the discovery of iron. We're enjoying our class text, 'Littlenose' and have written some stunning pieces based on the key characters. Come and see our cave and our work following the drama day each class had. Please work on times tables and continue to learn your weekly spellings. Thank you

Clubs

This term include:

Choir Y4,5&6(Wednesdays to 4.15pm), Filmclub Mondays to 4.30pm Y6 Sport Club Thursdays (letters to follow) <u>Dates for your diary:</u> Tuesday 2nd December DISCO 5pm to 6.30pm

Tuesday 2nd December Mike Barker, Governor, monitoring Sports Premium Friday 5th December Tracy Horton, Governor, monitoring Pupil Premium.

December 10th & 11th Concert 2pm

Friday 12th December Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 16th December Open Evening to 5pm Come to the classes and take time to share your child's work 3.30pm to 5pm.

Thursday 18th December 'Hollywood' Come dressed in this theme for the day. See flyer from the PFA due home soon (this is buffet lunch day where those having a school dinner have sandwiches and we all fit in the hall at the same time - you may like to make packed lunches 'party food' style).

Carols with violins 2.30pm December 19th (only parents of musicians invited)

LAST DAY Friday 19th December

School opens Monday 5th January 8.50am See next page for Christmas Play tickets.

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Dear Parents,

Our Christmas Play this year is called 'Stable Manners' - a nativity musical with a jazzy feel that I'm sure will be simply sensational. Our Year 4 children are performing the story with years 5 and 6 leading the singing and some of the dancing that includes some Year 3 children.

Performances are at **2pm on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December**. The dress rehearsal is 1:30pm on Tuesday 9th December when all of Year 1 and Year 2 will come to watch the Play.

There is no charge for tickets but we would much appreciate any donations to help cover the cost of parties and DVDs for the children the following week. The PFA are kindly providing the refreshments after each of the concerts. If you'd like to make a donation there will be a tin with the PFA at the back of the hall.

If you wish to attend either performance please fill in the slip below. Due to fire restrictions there is a maximum of 2 tickets per family initially.

Yours sincerely, C Holmes

I would like _____ tickets for the performance on

Wednesday 10th December 2pm Thursday 11th December 2pm (Please tick)

Signed _____

Child's name ______ class _____

If you would like any spare tickets please leave your number and the preferred date and we will contact you.