



# December Newsletter

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## SOS BASSE & CHILDREN IN NEED 2014

Thank you so much for supporting this year's fundraiser. We raised a wonderful £360. Many thanks to all of you that took time to bake and send buns in. The children appeared to have lots of fun and certainly we had a wide range of 'Heroes' in school.

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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 2015  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations in July. Please help us take care of the young trees by ensuring footballs after school do not damage them.

#### DISCO

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday

We now have a designated email address:

[contactus@brockwell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@brockwell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk)

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 21<sup>st</sup> is 97.43%. As we head into the winter may I thank you for supporting us reach this target.

## 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 - *SOS*

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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)

### Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
DISCO 5pm to 6.30pm

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Mike Barker, Governor,  
monitoring Sports Premium  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December Tracy  
Horton, Governor,  
monitoring Pupil Premium.

December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
Concert 2pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Dinner

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

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> (only  
parents of musicians  
invited)

LAST DAY Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
December

School opens Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
January 8.50am

See next page for Christmas Play tickets.

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 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. The dress rehearsal is 1:30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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

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I would like \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the performance on

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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. \_\_\_\_\_