



Newsletter

"Forward thinking and creative; valuing faith, tradition, community and achievement"



When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. PSALM 56:3

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As Christmas fast approaches we want to take a moment to reflect and look back on a school term that has been so positive for our children and our school community as a whole. As well as working so hard, our children have also embraced every opportunity that has been offered to them and we have been so proud of their achievements in so many areas.

This week, our school productions have been a highlight, with some outstanding performances from all of our children. Some children have enjoyed acting in the spotlight, some have had the courage to sing solos and all have embraced the fun and enjoyment of working together to produce a play that involves everyone. Behind the scenes there has been so much hard work and we want to thank all staff, children and parents for their input into making this a truly memorable time at Brigstock School.

Well done EVERYONE...



We also had a special day on Thursday as Mrs Wilson cooked Christmas dinner for over 100 of us! We want to thank her for her amazing cooking which was enjoyed by everyone. We also want to thank Mrs Briggs, Mrs Mayes, Mrs Clark, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Schofield for making the whole lunch-time so festive for all our children.



This week we have also enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day, and our School Council made the decision to give all money collected to support the education of Harriet Auma in Uganda. We also collected for Harriet at the end of the school performances, and this week alone we have raised £129.23 . We are proud to say that we have now funded another year of her education.

We have all enjoyed sharing the Advent messages inside the doors of our Advent Window- and we hope everyone has enjoyed visiting the window, and sharing the messages.



We also want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has come into school to help our children. We value all the help with reading and we are also so grateful for all the help that has been given with our grounds. This week we also want to thank those who cleared our pathways to make our site safe during the icy, snowy weather.

We hope that the end of term will be happy and enjoyable for everyone and we still have a few events to look forward to before we finish. Mrs Griggs will be taking the Year 3, 4 children and the choir to sing at the Village Hall on Tuesday, and on **Wednesday 20th December** we will all be going to the church at 9.30am for a carol concert. You are welcome to join us there; the Year 6 children will be leading this service with the Reception children creating a nativity tableau, and all children will be singing, of course! We will also be having parties on Wednesday afternoon, and we hope that we might have a special visitor, too...

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

S.Ettridge and V.Bull



Upcoming Events

20th December – Carol Service in Church at 9.30am



Attendance

Attendance in school last week was 92.5%. Well done to **Cherry Blossom** class who had the highest attendance at 97.7%.



Awards and Certificates outside of school

Well done to Ella Anderson for achieving her Junior Medal for Ballet

Congratulations to Jack Wise for his outstanding achievement at Gymnastics

WELL DONE, EVERYONE!



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

- Reception – Juno Trend for being a very helpful member of the class and for always working very hard in Maths and Literacy
- Year 1 – Jonah Ager for being fully involved in class routines and for being a co-operative member of the class. Well done Jonah
- Year 2 – Solomon Brownlee for being a great role model for behaviour in the class and responding so well to feedback in all areas. Well done Solomon
- Year 3 – Leland Dema for his great performance in our production. So confident !
- Year 4 – Bethany Clark for being reliable and helpful. You stepped in at the last minute for the Christmas production – thank you
- Year 5 – Alexa Brownlee for confidently finding fractions of amounts and clearly showing all the necessary working out
- Year 6 – Milo Cosgrove for great maths work. Well done for applying your maths knowledge to answer mastery questions and engaging in class discussions



WILLOW CLASS

Wow! What a busy week it has been in our class. The children really enjoyed performing in their first Nativity play and loved singing the songs.

Our number this week was 0. The children have been adding and subtracting 0 from lots of different numbers, which can be harder than it sounds!

We have had a few problems to solve this week. Santa needed a new sleigh because his sleigh was getting very old. So the children came up with some great ideas on how to improve Santa's sleigh, keep him warm and keep him in contact with the elves back at base. We have also been designing Russian Dolls for Christmas and then put them in order of size from biggest to smallest. We have also been helping Rudolph and Santa find their way through different mazes.

We have also been busy making Christmas decorations...all will be revealed



MAPLE CLASS

The children have had another busy week and have had their Christmas performances this week. They have all been amazing and have sung beautifully and followed all the directions they have been given to ensure they are in the right place at the right time. We are very proud of them.

In Literacy this week the children have finished their diary writing based on the Squash and a Squeeze story. They have been thinking about how to make their writing interesting by using adjectives and similes.

In Maths we have consolidated our learning involving number, place value and addition maths facts. The children have been practising using lots of different resources to help them with their learning such as 100 squares and practical objects.

Also this week we have got our visit to the theatre to look forward to, it's such a busy and exciting time. I am sure we will have a wonderful time.

CHERRY BLOSSOM

What a week we have had. I'd like to start off by thanking all of our parents who practised lines, song words and created wonderful costumes for their children. I'd also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Leaning for all of her help behind the scenes.

The real stars of the show were our children. They performed with confidence and enthusiasm. The production was so enjoyable to watch and all of their hard work really paid off. The children had so much to remember for their performances and I'm sure you'll agree they did a fantastic job. We are so proud of them all.

We have been busy in the classroom; making salt dough decorations, practising our Young Voices songs, using beautiful handwriting to write out Christmas carol lyrics and much more. Alfie (our Christmas elf) has also been busy. He left us a snowman on the playground this week with a poem and he has been caught in our treat jar. Mischievous little elf.

Next week, we have lots to look forward to. We have been invited to the village hall on Tuesday afternoon to sing at the Sunnysiders' Christmas Lunch, we have our Carol concert at the church and we have a Christmas party.

Cherry Blossom class would like to wish everybody a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a magical Christmas!

OAK CLASS

Christmas is 'nearly here', what a festive week we have had. In art this week we have begun to draw a cityscape in the style of Stephen Wiltshire, thinking about the precision and detail in all his work. In maths we have continued to work with fractions looking at fractions of amounts and thinking about empty box questions which required us to show a deeper understanding of the calculation processes needed. We have looked at the use of commas in writing and continued to complete comprehension work.

In geography we have recorded temperatures on graphs enabling us to see a clear comparison between different areas as well as finding out some more interesting facts about Arctic and Antarctic regions.