



Dear Parents,



It was so lovely to see all the children excited by the snow on Friday. Despite all the changes to children's lives this year, snow is the one thing that never fails to turn a calm and busy classroom into a hive of excitement! We managed quite a few snow sculptures of one kind or another.

### Learning this Week



The Pandas class have been writing instructions based on their cyanotype prints demonstrating how to lay these out correctly and how to use adverbs to add more detail. George and Jasmine shared their writing with the rest of the school on Friday.

White Tigers class have been learning about World War II propaganda posters and have created their own posters about social distancing and handwashing, more in keeping with the time! Matilda, Molly, Alex and Esme explained their learning to the other classes.

Leopards class have been writing letters to their parents about their chocolate stall and inviting them to come and buy their produce. Penelope and Isaac explained their ideas to the school and showed some lovely examples of their letters.

Polar Bears class have also been busy writing. James impressed everyone with the huge improvements to his writing since September.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

#### DECEMBER

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – End of term

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – INSET (staff training)

**20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christingle Service via Zoom

#### JANUARY

**4<sup>th</sup> Jan** – start of term

#### FEBRUARY

**2<sup>nd</sup> Feb** – Young Voices

**Biggest Sing Event**

**15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Half Term

#### MARCH

**31<sup>st</sup> March** – End of Term

#### APRIL

**1<sup>st</sup> April** – INSET (staff training)

**19<sup>th</sup> April** – Start of Term

#### MAY

**Week beg 10<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6

**SATs & Christian Aid Week**

**26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 5/6 Residential

**31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June** – half term

#### JUNE

**7<sup>th</sup> June** – Start of Term

**8<sup>th</sup> June** – Young Voices, Sheffield

#### JULY

**21<sup>st</sup> July** – End of Term

\* Carres Outreach Sports Events taking place in school for a small group of children or one bubble

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BRANT BROUGHTON CE METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEK BEGINNING: 29TH NOVEMBER 2020



## Charity Collections

Friday was the last day for the Christian Aid Autumn Appeal. White Tigers class collected the most with £18 raised. Polar Bears also did a brilliant job of raising £15 with only 21 of them in their class, we were very impressed. Thank you everyone who contributed. The decorated pumpkins and 'thank you' messages are going to be donated to the church for display. We also managed to raise £52 for Children in Need this term.

## Road to Tokyo/Cross Country

Remember to keep adding to our Couch2Tokyo total at home too. The link is below to add any walks, runs, bike rides etc. that the children complete!

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4I\\_ewOP1L06Lz\\_HFSzjyi0fKIOtWtvhGse87nNu9SDBUNIRGN0IGVkywQU01N09NVExTMIIVN09YNC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4I_ewOP1L06Lz_HFSzjyi0fKIOtWtvhGse87nNu9SDBUNIRGN0IGVkywQU01N09NVExTMIIVN09YNC4u)

## Christmas Nativity

Normally at this time of the year, Leopards and Polar Bears are preparing to entertain their parents and other family members, with a Nativity play. This year we have come up with an alternative plan. The children have been busy rehearsing some songs and will tell the nativity story using songs, costumes and movement in their separate bubbles and using the wonders of technology to put this all together, we will create a production of a different style which we will share with you via Zoom just before the end of term (date to be confirmed).

We will sell DVDs of the performance to families who would like to purchase one at a cost of £7.50. The charge for DVDs is purely to cover the cost for the materials and the photographer's time, we are not intending to make a profit for the school. Equally, we also understand that many families are under some financial strain at this present time and if this is the case, please do not hesitate in making contact with the school and we will do anything we can to help with this purchase.

However, if you would like to buy additional DVDs, perhaps as Christmas gifts, this will be possible. We would like an indication of how many DVDs to produce in advance so that we can get these prepared and delivered to you before Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, the end of term. Please could you indicate how many DVDs you would like, all orders to be sent via [enquiries@brant-broughton.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@brant-broughton.lincs.sch.uk) **by Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December.** Any late orders, may not arrive until January 2021. The appropriate cost will then be added to your Parentpay account for payment prior to distribution.

The filming will be completed early this week, following this, we will send a Parentmail with the details of when you can watch this via Zoom, along with the rest of the school.

We hope this alternative idea will still hold some lovely memories for you to keep.

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### **COVID Winter Grant Scheme**

In order to protect vulnerable households during the pandemic a £170m COVID Winter Grant Scheme is being made available to support those in most need with essential costs. This transmits into a £35 grant per child eligible for Free School Meals that we can use to support those families. I intend to use this to purchase Free School Meal vouchers for those families as we did when school meals were unavailable for the first two weeks after half term. If you are eligible for these payments and would prefer another option for the money, then please let me know.

### **Changes to End of Key Stage Assessments**

This week the government has announced some changes to end of key stage assessments for our current Year 2 and Year 6 pupils. The most significant change is the timetable relaxation for the delivery of the tests which makes it even more important that holidays are not taken during the period of May when tests may not be delivered on the original calendar week. The changes will not mean any significant alterations to the content or delivery of lessons in school as we will continue to teach the essential content to all our pupils regardless of the test alterations. Year 2 pupils will still be assessed in the normal way – using classroom assessments – the only change is that they will not sit a test as well. For Year 6, the Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation test has been removed, but as I explained to the Year 6 pupils this week, they will still need to include these elements as part of their writing lessons so we will not stop teaching them!

### **Leopards Class**

As a final outcome to their chocolate project, Leopards class decided that they would like to make Christmas themed chocolate lollies and hot chocolate making packs! They asked if they could sell these to parents for a donation. Any money that we raise, will then be donated to a charity. We would like to invite Leopards class parents to join us on the back playground at 3pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, for the children to share their creations with you and to hopefully raise some money for a worthy cause. We look forward to seeing you then! Please kindly observe social distancing measures and we would like to please encourage as many of you as possible to wear a face covering, unless medically exempt, thank you for your support.

### **TikTok**

A couple of pieces of information have been sent to me via the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board regarding TikTok. One is a warning about a very violent video clip about child abduction. If your children are engaged with TikTok, even though the suggested age limit is 13, please be aware of this. The other useful piece of information is directed at parents, the link below explains how to pair accounts to a parent account to allow monitoring.

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/for-parents?lang=en&appLaunch=web>

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### **Christingle Service**

Reverend Chris is holding a Christingle Service via Zoom on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. The details are below:

Topic: Christingle

Time: Dec 20, 2020 04:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120188031?pwd=K3hsei9Jczd0bzJjZ3g1WVBPtkQ0Zz09>

Meeting ID: **871 2018 8031**

Passcode: **018797**

You are all welcome to join her and make your own Christingle at home if you have the materials. The service will feature videos of children from the local schools, including our own Polar Bears and Leopards singing some Christmas songs.

### **Staffing**

Mrs Botham is due to return from her maternity leave in the last week of this term. She will be returning to Pandas class for four days a week from January. Wednesdays will be her non-working day and we are delighted that Mrs Loftus will be continuing to work with the class on that day. We are also really pleased to be able to welcome Mrs Loftus into school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. This is to support maths teaching in the Key Stage Two classes on those days. Mrs Loftus will teach maths to Year 4 and Year 5, allowing Mrs Simeoli to continue to teach Year 3s and Mrs Botham to teach Year 6s. She may also be taking small groups or individuals who require support with specific aspects of learning during the afternoons across school.

### **End of Term Celebration**

As we are unable to hold our usual Christmas Service at St Helen's Church this year, I will be inviting all parents to share in an end of term celebration on Monday morning next week, 14<sup>th</sup> December. I will visit each class in turn so that you can find out about their project work this term and share some of their learning with parents, carers and grandparents. The children will also sing some Christmas songs. If you would like to join us for around 40 minutes, the Zoom codes are:

Meeting ID: 917 1706 8236

Password: **BrantB**