

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe I am writing my final newsletter of 2021!

Well done to our EYFS & KS1 superstars for their fantastic performance of Everyone Loves a Baby on Wednesday, they were all absolutely fabulous and should be extremely proud of themselves. We do appreciate that this does not replace the feeling of community that is extra special when our families come together at this time of year but we hope that you will understand that at the end of yet another challenging year staff really have done their very best to provide the opportunity for the children to perform. A huge thank you to all staff for their hard work in enabling these performances to take place.

Covid reminder

Cases are escalating greatly across Britain and my aim is to keep everyone safe, especially leading up to Christmas. If your child has any of the following symptoms - **high temperature, continuous cough, loss or change to sense of smell and taste** - please do not send them to school and arrange for a PCR test to be taken. If you have any questions of information concerning your child's Covid result then please email covid@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk. This email will be checked periodically during the Christmas break so please feel free to email any updates.

Being mindful

We have had an email from a local resident regarding noise outside their house. Can I please ask you to have a chat with your children about being mindful when playing outside with friends, I know it is exciting to be out with friends but we just need to take our neighbours and the community into consideration. Thank you all.

Goodbyes

Sadly at the end of this term we say goodbye to four staff members – Mrs Porter, Mrs Skelley, Mrs Katirewa and Miss Jacobs. Mrs Porter has been a massive part of the Brading team for 30 years and we will really miss her, and wish her well in her next adventure. Mrs Skelley is moving on to St Mary's primary school to undertake the role of the school SENCO, good luck to Mrs Skelley in her new job. Mrs Katirewa and Miss Jacobs have been a great addition to the school team and will be missed. Good luck to everyone.

Next week

Next week is a very short week as we are only in on Monday and Tuesday. Monday is our Christmas Dinner which we are all super excited for, followed by party day on Tuesday where we will be providing a party lunch for all the children. Our friend Father Christmas will also be having a virtual visit with the children!

Finally, can I say a massive thank you to everyone for sending in the items for the Christmas market. I am so sorry that we couldn't go ahead with it in school. If you did win a raffle prize, we will let you know on Monday – congratulations to all our winners. I'd also like to thank Lizzee Annis who worked so hard on getting the raffle prizes and for selling so many tickets.

I hope you all have a happy Christmas and a super new year. See you on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Kind regards

Mrs Gilbert.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20th December

Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 21st December

Christmas jumper mufti day

Party day & party lunch

Break up for Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Back to school

Monday 21st – Friday 25th February 2022

Half term



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Work together to create a story.

You need to come to a group decision on what the theme of the story will be and choose one person to write or tell everyone how the story begins.

Take in turns to then add to the story, building on each others' ideas.

Keep it positive and encourage everyone to contribute and have fun!

Reflection Questions

Getting Started: When do you find it easier or more difficult to work with others in a positive way?

Intermediate: Have you contributed to the group decision making?

Advanced: How can you encourage others to contribute?

Mastery: What is an unhelpful conflict? How can you avoid this?

THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

We have had a very cheeky visitor in year 1. 'Snowy' arrived at the beginning of December and has been up to all sorts of mischief. In English the children have been writing brilliant instructions for how to zipwire and how to make snow angels - which he has followed. I have been blown away with how well year 1 have picked up working out odd and even numbers up to 20 and their use of $<$ $>$ $=$ for comparing numbers in maths. Our topic for this half term has been IOW vs Maldives, the children have been learning about the physical and human geographical features of our local area and we will wrap this up after Christmas by taking a virtual 'flight' to the Maldives in order to compare.



A number of children are playing games that are closely related to those seen on the South Korean TV show 'Squid Games'. As the programme is rated for 15 years + it is inappropriate for primary school children to be watching the series. Please be aware of the dangers of this TV program for your children and reinforce positive behaviours. A reminder to all parents/carers please ensure you are aware of the age restriction of any online or social media apps/websites. As parents/carers and school we have a duty of care to keep all children safe.

Bible Reflection

John 1:5

*The light shines in
the darkness & the
darkness has not
overcome it*

Thank you to everyone who donated Morrison's Good to Grow vouchers to our school. We placed an order for seeds and pots to develop our outside areas!



Eli's joke corner

Why did no one bid for
Rudolph and Blitzen
on eBay?

Because they were too
dear!

THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

Galapagos class finished off their Extreme Earth topic with making their own volcanoes and doing an experiment to make them erupt. Well done Galapagos class.



English Heritage Christmas Challenge

In breakfast club each day, we've been busy with the latest English Heritage Challenge. We were tasked to design a gift fit for Queen Victoria to be displayed on the gifting tables at Osborne House over the Christmas period. The children have been busy making pompoms to add to a wreath along with a message sewn onto binca fabric. The green pompoms provide a backdrop for felt holly leaves. Thanks to everyone for your help - hope you get a chance to see our entry over Christmas.



Check out this festive hair do in New Zealand class!



Lunch Menu – week commencing 13th December 2021

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>Main</i>	Christmas Dinner	Party Lunch			
<i>Vegetarian</i>					
<i>Served with</i>					
<i>Dessert</i>					

All staff at Brading would like to
wish you and your families a very
merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year!



Guidance for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and keeping children safe online

The Children's Commissioner is today launching [a guide for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and how they can support children to stay safe online](#).

"The things I wish my parents had known" draws together advice from 16 to 21 year olds on how parents should manage tricky conversations around sexual harassment and access to inappropriate content, including pornography.

The Commissioner's office began a programme of work focussing on peer-on-peer abuse following the avalanche of testimonies on the [Everyone's Invited](#) website, which laid bare an epidemic of sexual violence among teens. This was picked up in [Ofsted's June 2021 review of sexual harassment in schools and colleges](#).

A surprising but overriding message from young people is that parents should start these challenging conversations early. They suggest broaching topics before a child is given a phone or a social media account, which is often around the age of 9 or 10.

Find the link here - https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/?utm_source=16%20December%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19