



Broughton Primary School

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents,

### Collection after the Christmas performances

Thank you everyone for your generosity - a fantastic £303.23 was collected for Kettering Foodbank.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the whole school team who have worked together to make the plays possible. From teaching the lines, rehearsals of the songs/carols, fitting the costumes and locating the 'baby Jesus' after three years away. Thank you, Team Broughton!

### Christmas Tree

Our school Christmas Tree will not be needed after 16<sup>th</sup> December. It is a beautiful 6-foot Nordic Spruce with long needles. Please let us know if you would like to re-use it over the Christmas holidays.



### Events

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December                      Whole School                      Panto

- Late return to school approximately 4pm,
- FOBS are providing drinks, snacks and paying for the tickets,
- Please avoid parking on Cransley Hill, as multiple coaches will be bringing the children back to school,
- Dismissal will be from the classroom not from the road.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December                      Choir                      School hall 3.50pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December                      Whole school                      Church Service 9.15

- This service is for the school only, as St. Andrew's Church is small
- Please inform us if you wish to withdraw your child from church services

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December                      Whole School                      Christmas Parties 1.30

- This will be an afternoon of fun activities,
- Snacks and drinks will be provided by school,
- No need for change of clothes

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December                      Whole School                      Christmas Dinner 12.00

- Crackers will be provided for every child
- Mufti Day - no charge
- School closes at 2pm - Merry Christmas!

Term Break	School Closes	Back to School
Christmas	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
February Half Term	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 3.15/20	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Easter	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2.00pm	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Half Term	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 3.15/20	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Summer	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2.00pm	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Strep A and Scarlet Fever

I have been asked to share information with you about these illnesses because of the current rise in cases.

<p><b>Scarlet Fever</b></p> <p><b>You can get more information here: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk">Scarlet fever - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</a></b></p>	<p>Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by Streptococcus pyogenes, or group A Streptococcus (GAS). It is not usually serious, but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications (such as pneumonia) and spread to others. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and be pale around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a bright red 'strawberry' tongue.</p> <p><b>Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)</b></p> <p>The same bacteria which cause scarlet fever can also cause a range of other types of infection such as skin infections (impetigo) and sore throat. In very rare cases, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). Whilst still uncommon, there has been an increase in iGAS cases this year, particularly in children under 10 years old. It is very rare for children with scarlet fever to develop iGAS infection. Parents are advised to trust their judgement when their child is unwell; if their child seriously deteriorates, they should speak to their GP or call 111 for advice.</p>
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To prevent the spread of Strep A, the NHS advises children, young people and staff to implement good hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene practices.

Merry Christmas,

Claire Shortt  
Headteacher