



Broughton Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to parents and carers who are abiding by the rules and trying to prevent the spread of Covid. You are helping us to keep the school open, we really appreciate your help.

A special big thank you to our Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Site and Lunchtime Supervisors, Cleaners and Admin staff. I know how tired you are but keep going you are doing a great job!

#### Parents' of siblings due to start school in September 2021

If you have a younger sibling due to start school you may like to attend a zoom meeting with me on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am. Please email [s.issitt@broughton.northants.sch.uk](mailto:s.issitt@broughton.northants.sch.uk) for an invitation.

#### Christmas Dinner

This will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and is now available to be booked on ParentPay, please jump on and book your child's dinner. Apologies but if you had already booked a meal for that day you will now need to rebook as once the Christmas Dinner menu is put on it wipes out old bookings.

#### Panto

This year we will be having a 'virtual' panto experience in school - Jack and the Beanstalk. This is being paid for by FOBS and they will also be providing treats! Thank you - great to have something to look forward to!

#### Winter Reading Challenge

The Reading Agency are starting their winter mini reading challenge on the 1<sup>st</sup> December and it will run until the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The theme is "Everyone is a hero" and will feature characters from books published by Knights Of, including those from *Knights and Bikes* (written by Gabrielle Kent; illustrated by Rex Crowle), *High-Rise Mystery* (written by Sharna Jackson; illustrated by Wumzum), and the *Run* series (written by Jason Reynolds; illustrated by Selom Sunu).

#### **How can children take part in the Winter Mini Challenge?**

The Winter Mini Challenge is run through [www.wintermini.org.uk](http://www.wintermini.org.uk).

To take part, children simply read three or more books - these can be any books of their choice.

Every time they finish a book, they add it to their Challenge website [profile](#) and leave a short book review.

Reaching their online reading goal will unlock a virtual badge and a special *Everyone Is A Hero* certificate to print off and keep!

There are also fun activities, videos and reading recommendations on the website, plus an exciting

competition.

Northamptonshire libraries have lots of children's eBooks and eAudiobooks available on their [eLending platforms](#) so, even if libraries aren't able to open, children can still borrow free books to read on computers or android devices. If they aren't currently members of the library they can join as virtual members online, which will mean they can access these resources. They just need to visit: <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/library-service/visiting-your-library/Pages/joining-your-library.aspx>

Promotional materials are available to download for free from the Reading Agency shop - <https://shop.readingagency.org.uk/products/winter-mini-challenge-2020>

### FOBS FESTIVITIES ALERT

It's been a crazy year that has stopped our usual fundraising activities but we have managed to organise some festive fun. Head to our Facebook page for more information and to Classlist to book..

- **Smiggle Advent calendar raffle** - Closes 26th November.
- **Wreath making workshops** - traditional or minimalist? Kits delivered in time for zoom wreath making on 28th Nov 19.00 and 30th Nov 13.30.

A little reminder that they are open to all, not just the school community, on a first come 1st served basis. There seems to be quite a bit of interest in wreath making from non-parents (this is an open event) *so please don't leave it too long if you intend to book.*

Please head to Classlist for tickets (there was a little gremlin with payments, but it's working fine now).

- **"NEW" Children's wreath kits** - available for just £3 - see poster attached.
- Details of our **Christmas hamper raffle** coming soon... but in the meantime, if anyone would like to add an item or 2 to their weekly shop for us to add to our hampers please let us know through your class rep. and we can let you have a list of suggested items. Thank you so much!

Diary Dates- December

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas tree and lights go up in school and classrooms

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Panto and party day - Mufti for all children

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner

**Close 2pm**

Yours sincerely,



Claire Shortt  
Headteacher