



# BROUGH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome to our December newsletter, and the final one of 2023. They say time flies when you are having fun, and that certainly seems to be the case as this year has flown by!

Although these last few weeks of school are incredibly busy, there is such a lovely feeling around the school as the children get more and more excited about Christmas and what Father Christmas might be bringing them!

As we come towards the end of this term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support over this term, and throughout 2023. I always feel, especially at this time of year, incredibly privileged to do the job I do. We get to be a part of the pure joy that children experience in the lead up to Christmas and watching our youngest children perform their Christmas show certainly reminded me of the most important part of our job in school – the children.

So please do have a wonderful break over this festive period and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

From all the staff, governors and pupils of Brough Primary School, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Our EYFS pupils have performed their Christmas 'show' this week and were very excited to share this with you all. For those of you who managed to attend this, I am sure you will agree that it was a fabulous performance.

Our Y1/2 pupils are also busily rehearsing for their Christingle performance which is happening next week. There is definitely a 'festive feel' around the school!





## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for your support with this year's Children in Need appeal in school. Through selling merchandise and our 'great spotacular' dress up day, we raised £441.65 which has been sent off to Children in Need.

Well done to everyone involved.

## FUSION DANCE PERFORMANCE AT

On the last Sunday in November, Miss Kirby took her Fusion Dance group to the East Riding Youth Dance Show at Bridlington Spa.

We were blown away by the maturity, determination and talent that the girls displayed. Well done to the Fusion girls, we are proud of you all.



## FOBS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A big thank you to those of you who attended our Christmas Fayre last weekend.

Despite the very cold weather, we had a brilliant turn out and raised £918.88 for the school. Thank you to FOBS for organising and running this fayre – as usual you did a wonderful job.



## PARENTS' EVENING QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to those parents who completed and returned a questionnaire following our parents' evening meetings in November, these were overwhelmingly positive with 100% of respondents saying that their child is happy in school.

We will provide a more detailed breakdown of the responses in our January newsletter, but we were incredibly pleased with what parents/carers are telling us about the work we do in school and are considering some of the ways forward suggested.

## YEAR 3/4 DIWALI PERFORMANCES

I am sure you will agree that the Y3/4 pupils put on an incredible performance last month. Their singing, dancing and costumes were all incredible and we are very proud of them all.



## REINDEER RUN FOR DOVE HOUSE

Some of you may remember that we took part in the above a few years ago and raised a huge amount of money to support Dove House. We have been asked to take part again this year and are looking forward to seeing how much we can raise to support this amazing charity.

On Friday 15th December, which is also our Christmas Dinner and Jolly Jumper Day, the children will take part in a sponsored 'reindeer run' around the school grounds wearing their antlers and red noses (provided by Dove House). We are asking the children to collect sponsors for this which we will need back into school by Thursday 21st December. This will then be handed over the Dove House to support with the incredible work they do in our area.



## STAFF

In November we welcomed Mrs Gosia Leetham to our fabulous kitchen staff, replacing Mrs Smith who retired in October. Gosia is getting to know our school really well and is a super addition to our brilliant catering staff.



FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Suggested £1 Donation for Save the Children

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## SOUTH HUNSLEY PARTNERSHIP 'WINTER FESTIVAL'

As part of the South Hunsley Schools Partnership, some of our children in Y5/6 were involved in the 'Winter Festival' on Thursday 7th December.

This involved all the local primary schools, as well as South Hunsley, and was a festive musical celebration.

This is the first time that the partnership has put on a concert like this and we hope that it will be the first of many more to come.



## THE BIG AMBITION

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England. The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December.

Children or parents can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition). Further resources are available on the [website](#).



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## HOUSES

We are moving to a house point system for awards across the school.

This will link with the colours we use for sports day and will make sure that all children feel that they are working towards a collaborative goal.

The school council ran a competition last year where the children had to come up with names for the four houses. We had all sorts of fabulous ideas but agreed to name the houses after planes that were built at BAE in Brough.

Therefore our four houses are Baffin (yellow), Ripon (green), Dart (blue) and Hawk (red). Staff from BAE came into school last week to speak to the children about the four planes which was fascinating - we all learned so much about the work that BAE do.

All of the children have been told which house they are in, but on Friday 12th January 2024, we are having a 'House Day' for the whole school. On this day the children can come to school wearing their house colour (as much or as little as they like of this colour). We will remind children which house they are in and the colours are as follows:

Baffin - yellow

Ripon - green

Dart - blue

Hawk - red

Please don't buy anything new for this day, anything they have with their house colour on will be absolutely fine.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

Please see below our Christmas Lunch Menu for Friday 15th December 2023.

Please note that there will be no wrap or jacket potato option available on this day and due to time constraints we are also unable to run the 'tuck shop'.

This is also our 'Jolly Jumper Day' when the children can come to school in their Christmas jumpers. We are kindly asking for £1 donation which will be going to Save the Children.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets  
Pork Sage & Onion Stuffing Ball

Or

**Quorn Roast with Quorn Chipolata Sausage**  
**Quorn Stuffing Balls**

Roast Potatoes, Batton Carrots, Peas,  
Sprouts & Gravy

**Vanilla Cookie Snowman**

Cranberry Juice

## YEAR 5/6 BENCHBALL EVENT – SOUTH HUNSLEY

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023**

The much anticipated annual Benchball event finally arrived last Tuesday. A lot of our participants had been waiting a whole year since taking part as Year Fives and the tournament did not disappoint. We've never had so much interest for an out-of-school event and even managed to enter three teams!

Despite all teams marginally missing out on qualifying for a semi-final spot, what made their adults more proud than anything was the improvement in each of their performances between their first game and the last.

Their attitude and sportsmanship was also immaculate throughout despite the huge disappointment of not progressing to the knockout stages. As always, it was a pleasure and a privilege to witness our fabulous children in action. Well done to all



## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The in-school Christmas parties will take place on the following dates. Children are welcome to come into school in their party clothes and bring a small plate of food/snacks that they will eat after their lunch.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5/6

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3/4

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – EYFS & KS1



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## DIARY DATES 2023-2024

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### DECEMBER

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	FOBS Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> :	EYFS performance to parents (pm) 6pm: Safeguarding Information Evening
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> :	Y1/2 performance to parents (pm) 6pm: Musical Theatre Parent Information
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Y1/2 performance to parents (pm)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	Break up

### JANUARY

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> :	Back to school Young Voices
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> :	House Day – wear house colours

### FEBRUARY

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	NSPCC Number Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> :	Break up
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> :	Back to school

### MARCH

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> :	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> :	Parents' Evening
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Parents' Evening
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> :	Break up

### APRIL

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> :	Back to school
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### MAY

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> :	Closed for Bank Holiday
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> :	Y6 SATs testing week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	Y3/4 Sleepover at The Deep
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> :	Break up

### JUNE

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Back to school
w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup> :	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> :	Y1 Phonics Screening Check week
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> :	Y5/6 visit to High Adventure

### JULY

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> :	Summer Soiree
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> :	Reports to parents out this week
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> :	Exhibition of Work evening
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> :	Break up