



# BROUGH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Happy New Year to you all.

I do hope that you have all had a wonderful break over Christmas and New Year and have had a great start to 2024.

We are all pleased to be back at school and have 'hit the ground running' as we returned last week.

This is a fairly short term, with two half terms of five weeks each, but we still have so much going on in school. We will keep you updated about upcoming events but I have updated the list of dates at the end of the newsletter with as many dates as we currently know.

I do ask that, as we have much colder weather, all children bring a coat to school and that these are named. As you know, we like to get them outside at playtimes and lunchtimes as much as we can so we do ask that they always have a coat with them.

As always, if you have any questions about anything to do with your child's time in school, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## READING BOOKMARK COMPETITION

Our 'winners' from our reading bookmark competition were announced in our final assembly before Christmas. As a prize, they will be going to Waterstones in Hull, with Mrs Shepherdson and Mrs Skilleter, and choosing a book as a prize (as well as having a hot chocolate and a cake). Letters with more information for the winners will be sent home in the coming days.

Well done to all the children who entered the competition – it was wonderful to see how much reading has been going on at home as well as in school.

We will be running the competition again after half term so please do watch out for a bookmark coming home with your child in the week before we break up in February.





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## YEAR 3/4 ANIMAL ADOPTION

Thank you to the parents and families of our Year 3/4 children for your sponsorship to allow the children to successfully sponsor a rainforest animal as part of their Geography topic work

As the children had been studying and enjoying skipping as part of their physical education lessons, the children successfully carried out a sponsored skip. With the money kindly raised the children are now the proud sponsors of the following animals:

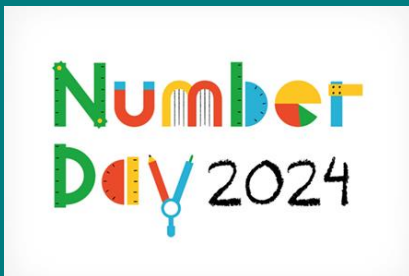
RN/RM – Two-Toed Sloth  
KT/SM – Two Toed Sloth  
RP – Carpet Python

## NSPCC NUMBER DAY

We will be participating in the NSPCC Number Day again this year, which is being held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

On this day, children can come to school wearing something with a number on for a £1 donation.

They will then take part in a number of maths related activities throughout the day. All proceeds from this will go to the NSPCC to support their important work.



## MRS PEARSON!

In between Christmas and New Year, Miss Mason married her fiancé in a stunning location, nestled in the Yorkshire Dales.

It was a beautiful winter wedding and the children are now getting used to calling Miss Mason by her new name, Mrs Pearson.

We all send our congratulations and wishes for a healthy and happy future to the happy couple.



## KEY STAGE 1 PUPPET WORKSHOP

Next week, our pupils in Years 1 and 2 will be taking part in a puppet making workshop in school.

This is something we have run many times in the past and is hugely enjoyable, entertaining and educational for the children.

If you have not already done so, please could parents in Y1/2 make a £4 contribution for this activity via the School Gateway app. We really do appreciate all the contributions we get.

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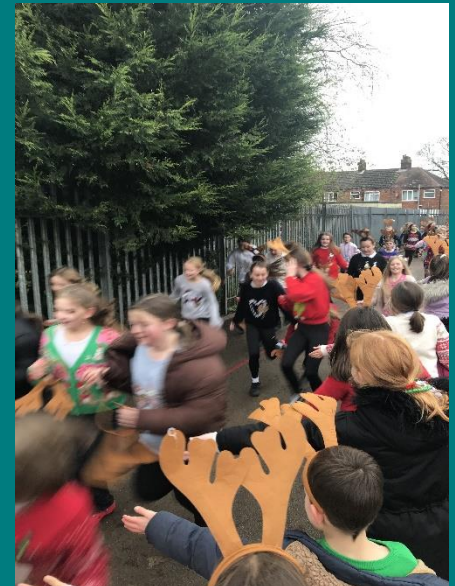
## REINDEER RUN FOR DOVE HOUSE

As you will recall, we had our 'Reindeer Run' in December which was a sponsored event to raise money for Dove House.

This is the second time we have run this event and this time was just as successful and magical as the first.

The children raised a staggering amount of money for Dove House and we were delighted to hand this over just before Christmas. Thank you so much for your support with this event.

**In total we raised £2,460.78**



## COMIC RELIEF – MARCH 2024

On Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 we will be celebrating Comic Relief's Red Nose Day in school.

Children will be invited to wear something red for a £1 donation for Comic Relief.





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## HOUSE POINTS

As you may know, we launched our school houses and house point system in the Autumn term and have been collecting house points since we came back to school last week.

Last year's school council decided to name the houses after planes built at BAE in Brough so our four houses are as follows:

- Hawk – Red
- Ripon – Green
- Baffin – Yellow
- Dart – Blue

Your child should know which house they are in and we had a fabulously 'colourful' launch day last Friday when the children (and staff) came to school wearing their house colour.

House points are awarded to any child by any member of staff where they feel recognition is deserved. Children can be awarded house points for good manners, being kind and helpful, for excellent work, for trying their hardest or for anything else that staff feel is appropriate. We have been giving out so many house points this week and will be collecting these for the first time on Friday to share in our whole school assembly.



## NEW STAFF

We have two new lunchtime supervisors who started with us last week. Ann Cox and Lynn Hedley.

Ann is enjoying getting to know all of the children and many of you will already recognise Lynn, as she also works at Brough Eagles Out of School Club. We would like to welcome you both to Brough Primary School.



Ann Cox



Lynn Hedley

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## YOUNG VOICES

Some of our Y4, Y5 and Y6 children performed, in a choir of over 4500 children, at Sheffield Arena last week as part of Young Voices. For those parents who attended, I am sure you will agree that it was an amazing evening. The children sang so well and were a credit to the school in terms of their enthusiasm, performance and behaviour. We are very proud of them all.

A big well done to the children and thank you to the staff who have worked with them to learn the songs and accompany them on the visit.



## BBC 500 WORDS WRITING COMPETITION

Thank you for the amazing entries we had for the BBC 500 words competition. The first round of marking has been completed and I am delighted to tell you that two of our children have gone through to the next round. This is quite an achievement and they should be very proud of themselves.

Fingers crossed that they continue to be successful through the next rounds.



## ELSA SUPPORT

ELSAs are emotional literacy support assistants.

They are teaching assistants who have had special training from educational psychologists to support the emotional development of children and young people in school.

Mrs Reuben and Mrs Hansford are our ELSAs at Brough Primary School.



## VACANCIES

We currently have two vacancies advertised for cleaners. Please follow the link below for further details and to apply.

<https://www.eastridingcouncil.jobs/job-search/>

## YEAR 3/4 SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS – SOUTH HUNSLEY Tuesday 16<sup>TH</sup> January 2024

What a thrilling start to sport in 2024! Our Year 3/4 pupils pulled out some incredible performances at the annual Sports Hall Athletics event on Tuesday evening.

Despite not yet being informed of the final official results, we departed the event with a string of first and second place finishes in the track events, leaving us all confident of an impressive final standing.

A huge well done to the children and a big thank you for representing our school in the best way possible. We shall inform you of the final results as soon as we receive them ourselves.



## ECO CLUB COMPETITION

Thank you to the children who entered our Eco Club Endangered Animals Competition.

We were really impressed with your superb drawings and sculptures.

Well done to our winners which were an endangered redbelly snake made from cardboard tubes, and a paper and material collage of an terrific turtle.

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## DIARY DATES 2024

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### JANUARY

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>: KS1 Puppet Workshop  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup>: Y5/6 CM BAE Systems STEM Workshop

### FEBRUARY

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>: NSPCC Number Day  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup>: Break up  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup>: Back to school  
Weds 28<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>: Musical Theatre Group London Trip

### 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

### 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