



BROUGH PRIMARY



NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It seems hard to believe that we are already in December and that Christmas, and the Christmas holidays, are fast approaching.

I have always said that working in a primary school at this time of year is an absolute joy. Although it is a very busy time, and there is a lot to fit in between now and the end of term, the absolute joy we see on the faces of the children in the run up to Christmas is wonderful.

For those of you who attended one of the two performances of 'Bah Humbug' performed by Y5/6, I am sure that this got you into the Christmas spirit. The children performed so well and we are so proud of them for what they achieved.

We are very much looking forward to seeing the performances from the EYFS pupils and the Y1 children over the next couple of weeks.

In addition to this, our 'Christmas Choir' performed at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday and Y5/6 members visited Fairway View retirement home and are visiting Morrisons on Thursday to sing again.

As we only have just over a week to go, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very 'Merry Christmas' and a 'Happy New Year' on behalf of all the children, staff and governors of Brough Primary School





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FOBS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We would like to say a big thank you to everybody who came to the Christmas Fayre on Saturday. Despite the awful weather, it was lovely to see so many of you about the school.

We hope you all enjoyed the stalls, crafts, children's choir, food and of course visiting Father Christmas himself!

We raised a total of £1,207.34 which is a fantastic amount for the school. Thank you!



RSC ACTOR IN SCHOOL

As part of our work with the Royal Shakespeare Company this year, Y3/4RR were visited by Ibraheem Toure who is an actor with the RSC.

He worked with the class to unpick some of the themes of *The Tempest*, which is the play we are studying. He also worked with the children on their own acting skills and helped them to prepare for the work over the year on *The Tempest*.

The children enjoyed the morning and he commented on how friendly our school is as well as how wonderfully well behaved the children were. Well done Y3/4RR.

FOBS MEETING

Our PTA, Friends of Brough School, are meeting this Thursday at 5.30pm at school to discuss the success of the Christmas Fayre as well as planning for future events in 2025.

FOBS fundraise to pay for extracurricular activities, additional resources and special events for the whole school to enjoy.

The meeting is starting with hot drinks and mince pies so if you are keen to find out more about FOBS and the role they play in aiding the school, please do pop along!

When you become a member, you only volunteer as much time as you can. There is no expectation or pressure. Being part of a PTA keeps you informed about school happenings and allows you to actively participate in your child's school life as well as making new friends too!



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK AND ODD SOCKS DAY

Our recent focus on anti-bullying during Anti-Bullying Week served as a good reminder to all the children about what bullying is, how and where this takes place and how we all have a role to play in supporting those who have been bullied and in making sure it doesn't happen in our school, or anywhere else.

Each class spent time looking at different types of bullying, with an emphasis on online, or cyber, bullying with the older children. Each class presented work in assembly at the end of the week to remind all the children what we should all do if we think someone is being bullied.

Odd Socks day reminded the children that we are all different and that it is ok that we are all different.

We do look at anti-bullying throughout the year but it is always a good thing to remind the children what bullying is and how they can help in making sure it doesn't happen at Brough Primary School, or anywhere else.



HULL TRAINS & HULL TRUCK – THE BORROWERS

Eight children were randomly selected to attend a special mini performance from Hull Truck onboard a special Christmas Hull Train. The children went from Brough station and enjoyed an onboard performance of a song from the show by the cast of The Borrowers.

Children then enjoyed a snack and drink before boarding the train back to Brough. Thank you to everyone involved at Hull Truck and Hull Trains for this special treat.

The Borrowers is on at Hull Truck until Saturday 4th January.





SCHOOL PE KITS

Mr Miller has very kindly organised for each child in school to have their own Brough Primary PE top funded by the school.

These have now been handed out to all of the children and will replace any previous white PE tops and should now be used for all PE lessons in school.



REMINDERS

A few reminders of what we have coming up in these last two weeks of term

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| Thursday 12th: | Christmas Jumper Day |
| | Christmas Dinner |
| | Y5/6 Christmas Choir performance at Morrisons |
| Monday 16th: | KS1 Great Fire of London workshop |
| Tuesday 17th: | Y6 to South Hunsley to watch 'Nativity' |
| Thursday 19th: | Y1 Christmas performance |
| Friday 20th: | Break up for the Christmas holidays |

We will return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025





REMEMBRANCE

I hope that you have all seen our 'Remembrance Stones' which were displayed near the front entrance to the school. It is so important that children, and adults, take time to remember those who have lost their lives during wars and conflicts and we are so proud of the stones and the completed memorial.

I would also like to say a big thank you to our School Council members who joined Miss Fraser, Miss Stainton and I at the war memorial in Brough on Remembrance Sunday. During this service the children laid a wreath on behalf of all the children and staff at the school. They did a super job and represented our school wonderfully well. We were very proud of them all.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who dressed up or bought Children in Need merchandise.

We managed to raise £394.75 in total which has been sent to Children in Need.

A special mention to our School Council members who ran the Children In Need merchandise stalls. Thank you.

PANTOMIME TICKETS

Last chance to get your pantomime tickets at a reduced rate! The performance is at Hull New Theatre on Thursday 19th December.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbroughschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=84926>





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CRAZY HAIR DAY

We had a wonderful time on Crazy Hair Day - some of the hairstyles were incredible! Thank you so much for your support with this and for the donations of chocolate which were used for the chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fayre.





ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance at school is essential and something that we monitor very closely. In addition to attendance, we monitor when children are arriving to school late frequently. In both cases, we will always strive to work with families to look at the reasons for absence or being late and to put in any support that we are able to offer.

As you may know, the guidance to schools changed in August 2024, along with the processes associated with unauthorised absence. The information below is taken from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's website and applies to our school as well as other local authority maintained schools.

All children between the ages of 5 and 16 (compulsory school age) are required, by law, to attend the school at which they are registered. Legal action can be taken, if it is considered that a parent or carer is not fulfilling their parental responsibility to ensure their child receives a full time education.

Failure to ensure regular attendance may result in the matter being placed before the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1a) of the Education Act 1996. Penalties can include fines up to £2,500 for each parent, **consideration of a parenting order or a period of imprisonment**. A parent is defined as a person with day-to-day care under the Education Act 1996.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 introduced penalty notices as an additional sanction to address the problem of poor school attendance and absence accrued due to taking a term-time holiday. This means that for pupils with unauthorised absence from school (ie. any absence that the school has not given permission for) their parents or carers may be subject to a fine.

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into effect for Penalty Notice Fines issued after the 19 August 2024. Penalty Notices are issued to change behaviour and reduce the number of school days lost during term time for the purpose of a holiday. The pathway below outlines the decision-making process regarding the action that will be taken when a penalty notice referral is received from your child's school. However, please be aware that action will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may not follow this path.

Per Parent Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent for each child that was absent.

Example: three siblings absent for term-time leave would result in each parent receiving three separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term-time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be **£160 per parent per child paid within 28 days**.

Reduced to **£80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days**.

Second Offence (within three years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term-time leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be **£160 per parent per child within 28 days**.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within three years)

The third time an offence is committed for term-time leave or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

DECEMBER

Wednesday 11 th :	EYFS Christmas Performance @ 2pm
Thursday 12 th :	Christmas Jolly Jumper Day Christmas Dinner
Monday 16 th :	KS1 Great Fire of London Workshop
Tuesday 17 th :	Year 6 @ South Hunsley – Nativity!
Tuesday 17 th :	Christmas Party – The Bridge
Wednesday 18 th :	Christmas Party Year 1/2 & 5/6
Thursday 19 th :	Christmas Party Year 3/4 & EYFS Year 1 Christmas Assembly
Friday 20 th :	Break up for Christmas

JANUARY

Tuesday 7 th :	Children back to school
Thursday 9 th :	Young Voices
Thursday 23 rd :	EYFS & Y6 Weights and Measures
29 th – 31 st :	Theatre Club visit to Edinburgh

FEBRUARY

Friday 7 th :	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 11 th :	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14 th :	Break up for half term
Monday 24 th :	Back to school

MARCH

Thursday 6 th :	World Book Day
w/c 17 th :	Parents' Evenings
Friday 21 st :	Comic Relief World Poetry Day

APRIL

Thursday 3 rd :	Break up for Easter
Tuesday 22 nd :	Back to school

MAY

Monday 5 th :	Bank Holiday
w/c 12 th :	Y6 SATS week
Friday 23 rd :	Break up for half term

JUNE

Monday 2 nd :	Back to school
w/c 9 th :	Multiplication Tables Check - Y4
10 th – 13 th :	Y5/6 Residential visit to Cloughton

JULY

2 nd & 3 rd :	Theatre Productions – Mary Poppins
w/c 7 th :	Reports out to parents
Thursday 10 th :	Exhibition of Work Evening
Friday 11 th :	Summer Soiree