

# Broadhempston Primary School

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## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER Thursday 14th December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Christmas is heading towards us at speed! It's been a busy two weeks so please read on to find out what's been happening...



### NATIVITY & CONCERT REFLECTIONS

I realised last week that I have attended Christmas productions for 34 years - well over 100 shows. I honestly never tire of or fail to be astounded by the talents of our children and the staff.

Birch class nativity was a classic amongst classics! I laughed and revelled in the children's confidence to be themselves and entertain us. And then KS2 performed the most spine tingly music – singing better than I have ever heard before as they told the story of silent night. In the words of the children...AWESOME! It's a real privilege and joy to be part of the journey for your children!





## SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance: (Our school target is 97%)	
Whole school	97.7%
Birch Class	97.6%
Sycamore Class	98.2%
Oak Class	97.3%

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officers are Miss Barlow & Mrs Carwithen.

## RUDOLPH RUN 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.

We completed the Rudolph Run last week and couldn't believe how much energy everyone had with children completing up to seven laps of the village! The rain held off and we had plenty of parents lining the route for support. To date we have raised over £800.00 for Rowcroft Hospice. Thank you for your support.



## CHRISTMAS IN A DAY

The children had a super day celebrating all things Christmas on Tuesday. From Christingle making, to smoothie making and tasting, to Christmas bauble competitions. Frank told Miss Tarsky that "the Christmas spirit was up to 95%" 😊



**CHRISTMAS DINNER** ... Was a great success, a delicious feast! There was a real buzz of excitement as the staff provided a waitress service for all the children. Many thanks to Linda, Shirley and Megan for "pulling out all the stops." Thanks also to the PTFA, together with the village charity for our Santa visit and organising gifts for the children.





**CHOIR IN THE COMMUNITY**

It's always a joy to share carols and Christmas songs – a heart-warming afternoon at Bramble Down Nursing home.

I would also like to thank everyone for supporting the Village Carol Service, it was lovely for your children to share their talents.



**ANGEL DAY AT BUCKFAST ABBEY**

Birch Class thoroughly enjoyed an imaginative retelling of the Christmas story, an angel craft workshop and 'Angel Trail' followed by a self-led interactive tour around the abbey. A lovely way to explore Christmas and all the joy it brings.



**COMING UP- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**SCHOOL DINNER ORDERS: The menu is now live, please book for next term.**

15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>2PM finish today</b>
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Staff training day
Wed 3rd January	Children back to school

I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at school. Have a super Christmas break, ready to start another term of adventures in January.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

*Jill Ryder.*

