

**KIRKBY & GREAT BROUGHTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



NEWSLETTER - 1st December 2017

Dear Parents,

As you are aware our school was inspected by Ofsted this week. I was proud to show Mr Smith, the inspector, around our school to meet the children and staff and to observe the teaching and learning in each classroom. Thank you to the parents who gave their time to share their views of our school with the inspector and to the children who spoke so well about their learning. Many thanks for the hard work of staff and governors. As soon as we receive the report we will share it with you.

Congratulations



Many congratulations to Olivia Miller in Year 6 and Isobel Lee in Year 5. Olivia's entry won the York Diocese design a Christmas card competition and Isobel's was highly commended. Both will soon receive a prize and certificate for their beautiful designs based on the theme of All is calm, All is bright.

Olivia's design will be printed onto cards and sent to all the Schools, Academies, the Diocesan Board of Education, SIAMS inspectors, partner Dioceses and friends. Well done and thank you to all our children who took part in the competition; we sent off a record number of entries this year.

Children in Need

A huge thank you to you all for supporting Children in Need this year. The children thoroughly enjoyed our 'Bake and Buy' Sale which was very successful. As a school we raised an amazing £357.32. What an achievement!



Christmas Fair



Well done to our fantastic PTA who worked so very hard to organise such a wonderful Christmas Fair. It was an extremely enjoyable morning and raised a fantastic £1,195.85. A huge thank you to all the parents, staff, children and friends who gave their time so generously to make the morning such a success.

Children's Crib Service

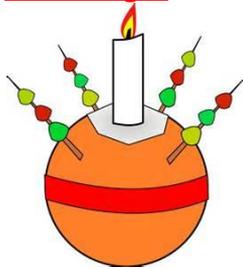
The children's crib service will take place on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm at St Augustine's Church and all children are very welcome to take part. If your child would like to take part then please telephone Reverend Anne on 01642 710045 or Mrs Ros Tomlinson on 01642 711796.



Cross Country Finals

Well done to Daniel Dale and Alice Cook who have made it through to the cross country finals to be held in Dalby forest during March 2018.

Christingle



Please join us for our Christingle Service, which marks the beginning of Advent and provides the opportunity to raise much needed funds for The Children's Society. The children will be bringing home a collection candle or envelope to enable them to collect money for The Children's Society to bring back to school if they would like to. The Year 6 children will be leading our service in school at

2.30pm on Monday 4th December.

Wintry Weather

I would like to remind you of our policy for opening or closing the school in the event of bad weather. I am sure you will appreciate that there are occasions when schools find it necessary to close in order to ensure the safety of both pupils and staff travelling to and from school in adverse weather conditions. I would like to reassure you, however, that we will do all that we can not to close school but, in the event that it is unavoidable, we will notify you via the school website and through our text messaging service. In the event of snow, please could the children come to school with either waterproof snow boots or wellingtons (no fashion boots please) and a hat and gloves to enable them to play outside and enjoy the fun of the snow.



Christmas Events

Monday 4th December - 2.30pm - Christingle Service in school

Friday 15th December - 9.15am - Christmas Nativity (Reception children)

Friday 15th December - 2pm - Christmas Nativity (Y1 and Y2)

Monday 18th December - 2pm - Key Stage Two Christmas Concert

Wednesday 20th December 11am - Christmas Carol Service in St Augustine's Church

Thursday 21st December - Foundation Stage/Key Stage One Party (Rec, Y1/Y2)

Friday 22nd December - Key Stage Two Party (Y3-Y6)



Photographs of performances

We understand that Christmas performances are an important part of a child's school experience and that you may wish to take photographs or short videos to share with members of your family and friends. However, **please remember that they must not be shared on social media of any kind.** We have been specifically asked by some parents that their child's photographs do not appear on the internet and I ask for your support in respecting their wishes. Many thanks.

Please note we will not be issuing tickets for our Christmas performance, just come along and enjoy the performance!

Parents and family members /friends, who have been invited by parents of our children, are welcome to attend.

Term ends on Friday 22nd December at 3.00pm (earlier than our usual 3.15pm)