

Broughton Primary School Newsletter

Monday 11th December 2017

Wk 04/12/2017		
	Attendance	Unauthorised
Class 2	95.0%	4.0%
Class 3	98.8%	0.0%
Class 4	93.5%	5.2%
Class 5	96.5%	0.6%
Class 6	90.7%	0.7%



All **tickets for the Nativity** are now sold and you will not be allowed into either performance without a ticket. Unfortunately, taking photos and videos will not be allowed at either performance but there will be an opportunity to take pictures at the end. You will be asked to leave if you don't adhere to this. Thank you for your understanding. **All children are expected to attend the evening performance on Monday 18th so please contact the office if this is going to be a problem.**

We raised £207 for the **Poppy Appeal**, a great total for a small school. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

This Friday is **Christmas Jumper Day** in school. There will be a £1 donation for Save the Children Fund if your child is wearing a jumper.

You are all welcome to our **Christmas service** in Christ Church this Thursday at 11.00am.

For those parents of children in the **choir**, just to let you know they are singing at Cockermonth Hospital tomorrow during the school day. Please could they bring their Christmas jumper to school and they can wear it to sing in.

A reminder that we break up on **Wednesday 20th December** at 1.30pm following Carols Round the Tree at 1.00pm to which you are all welcome. **School resumes on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.**

A reminder of the **KABS Christmas Discos** on Tuesday 19th December, N, R and KS1 5.45-6.45pm where children must be accompanied by an adult and KS2 7.00-8.15pm. Admission will be £2.00 and there will be hot dogs and sweets for sale.

Starting on Wednesday 10th January 3.30-4.30pm Mrs Bewsher will be holding SATs classes for parents in school. It will be a club for the parents of Year 6 children to allow you to support your child in revising for their SATs. She will cover areas of mathematics, reading and SPAG. You will have time to explore past SATs papers and have a go at answering some of the questions. Mrs Bewsher will also go over the main methods of calculations, as she is aware that the methods we show our pupils are different to the methods you might have used when you were taught! Please don't worry that you will be expected to know answers and be asked questions in front of others as this will NOT be the case! She will also talk about the time restrictions the children have for each SATs test and share some good exam techniques. There will be FREE childcare in school for your children should you need it. Please contact the office if you wish to attend.

Directors have asked me to make you aware of the following changes to legislation which have removed the discretionary 10 day period of absence which covered family holidays. Schools can only grant requests for holiday absence in term time **in exceptional circumstances and Directors will issue Fixed Penalty Notices should the need arise.**

DfE School Attendance document January 2015:

'If you believe that your circumstances are exceptional you can make a request to the school. In considering a request, the school will take into account the child's age, the time of year of the absence, and the nature of the visit. The Headteacher will also consider the child's stage of education and progress and the child's overall attendance record. It is highly unlikely that leave will be authorised if examinations or other important tests will be missed. Headteachers will not authorise absence unless they believe your circumstances are exceptional. In all cases it is best to have a discussion with the Headteacher in order to look at the issues as they affect your child.

All unauthorised absences, including holidays that have not been sanctioned by the Headteacher, are accumulated and parents who **fail to ensure regular attendance** of their children at school can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice. The amount is £60 if paid within 21 days and £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days. It is therefore essential that parents take this into consideration if they are thinking of a family holiday in term-time.'

Workington Derwent Rotary Club will be touring Great and Little Broughton on Wednesday 20th December 5.30pm – 7.30pm on their sleigh with Santa in attendance.

Christmas at Christ Church

Sunday 17th December 4.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 23rd December 4.00pm Christingle 1

Christmas Eve:

10.45am Holy Communion

4.00pm Christingle 2

11.30pm Midnight Communion