

## December Newsletter

### Headteachers' Message

As we have reached the end of the autumn term, we would like to say a big thank you to our staff, parents and children, for following the guidelines in trying to keep us all safe. We also appreciate how you, as parents, have supported your children and the school during this term.

It has been so important that our children have been in school as much as possible and have been able to maintain a routine. The children have engaged beautifully with the wonderful learning opportunities provided. Although parents are not able to come into school, below is a flavour of the learning that has taken place this half term.

**Early Years:** The children have performed their first Nativity, which you can watch on the website. Staff are proud at how well the children learnt new songs, remembered their words and spoke loudly. Enjoy!

**Year 1:** We have awesome readers and writers! The children have written wonderful stories about toys. They have also been working extremely hard with their phonics. We look forward to more amazing learning next term!

**Year 2:** We have been immersed in the 17th Century! We have learnt about Guy Fawkes and his friends and how Londoners coped with The Great Fire. We visited London in 1666 virtually and reconstructed the disaster on our playground with real flames!

**Year 3:** We have been working hard on writing stories based on Dr Who. The highlight of the half term has been producing some beautiful self portraits in the style of Craig and Karl.



**Year 4:** We have explored the mysteries of Egypt in our topic, 'What's in the tomb?' The children have written their own suspense stories, which have left us on the edge of our seats. In art, the children have created their own clay tiles that represent the Eye of Horus. We know that they are looking forward to bringing these home to you.

**Year 5:** We have loved journeying back to the Anglo-Saxon era to explore different aspects of their lives. We wrote epic tales inspired by Beowulf. We were less convinced by the rather garlicky pottage!

**Year 6:** After creating some amazing Gunpowder leaflets, we were visited Andrew (an amazing actor from the Young Shakespeare Theatre Company). This was followed by some wonderful work on Macbeth. The term has ended with us creating Stop Motion animations around the spells we created.

This term we have introduced our Values work. Children have learnt about responsibility, resilience, respect, equality, and unity. Now, more than ever, is a time to reflect and think about others. We are so proud to be working with a community who are so thoughtful and have shown such care towards others. Your contributions to the harvest, Senior Santa gift collection and donations for Keech have been incredible. Thank you so much for your generosity.

## Mayor Visit



## Staff

We would like to welcome back Mrs Haughney who has returned from her maternity leave for two days a week.

We say goodbye and send our best wishes to Mrs Khatun who is leaving us. We welcome Mrs Khan who will be Hedgehogs' class teacher in January.

## Fundraising

### **Cauliflower cards**

We raised over £300 from the wonderful designs the children made.

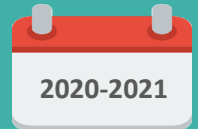


### **Keech**

Today, Santa visited the school and delivered presents for our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children. With your extremely kind donations, we have raised £696 for Keech.



## Dates for Diaries



4th January - Teacher training day

5th January - Children return to school

6th Jan - Xylem water visit for Yr 4

12th Jan - Early Years & Yr 6 height & weight check

10th Feb - School photos

## Reminders for the new term

Please ensure PE kits are back in school for the first day of term and are clearly labelled with your child's name on it.

Please book breakfast and afterschool club prior to returning to school.

Don't forget to top up your school dinner accounts.

As we break up today for Christmas, please continue to follow the guidelines in keeping yourself and your family safe. If your child experiences any Covid symptoms or tests positive over the next few days, please email us on [headteacher@bramingham.net](mailto:headteacher@bramingham.net) to keep us informed. Equally, if your child or a family member tests positive towards the end of the holidays, please keep us informed.

We will be continuing with our text and email system to send out information, so please ensure your details are up to date with the office. We also add any letters to the school website. Please remember to email your child's class teacher if you need to speak to them.

**Thank you for your continued support. We wish you all a lovely, restful and healthy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all in 2021!**