



Theatre Trip

All the children enjoyed this amazing experience last week. They were a credit to you and to the school, and real theatre certainly enhances the study of this well known story from David Walliams. Many thanks for your support.

Help reduce Sickness & Diarrhoea

We can all help by washing our hands:

- After using (or helping someone to use) the toilet
- After changing a nappy
- Before, during and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing (or helping someone to blow or wipe their nose)
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- Immediately after hands have been contaminated with body secretions & fluids
- After handling animals, pet food/treats or cleaning cages
- Whenever hands are visibly dirty

Please remember alcohol hand gel **should not** replace washing hands if hands are visibly dirty, or when there are diarrhoea and vomiting.



Poppy Appeal



I am pleased to inform you that this year we raised £85.54 for the British Legion selling poppies. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Carols around the tree

Please join us to sing carols and have a mince pie on Friday 21st December at 2pm. Your child(ren) will be able to leave with you when the carols have finished.



Sharing Learning With Your Child

As you are aware we have invited parents/carers of children in Nursery to Year 6 to join us for sharing an activity with your child(ren). If you have already attended your session we hope that you enjoyed the experience as your children absolutely loved it! The remaining session dates are as follows:

Nursery: Wednesday 12th December at 11am

Reception: Monday 10th December at 2.15pm

Year 1: Friday 14th December at 2.15pm

Year 2: Thursday 13th December at 2.15pm

Year 6: Wednesday 12th December at 2.30pm





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Monday 10th December 2018



Important Dates DECEMBER

- 10 Dec - Reception Sharing Learning session 2.15pm
- 12 Dec - Nursery Sharing Learning session at 11am & Y6 at 2.30pm
- 13 Dec - Nursery & Reception Nativity (9.15am & 5pm). Y2 Sharing Learning session 2.15pm.
- 14 Dec - Christmas Carol Concert, brass players and Years 1 & 2 (9.15am). Year 1 Sharing Learning session at 2.15pm.
- 17 Dec - Dentist visit for treatments.
- 18 Dec - Reception Open Afternoon for parents/carers 2.45pm.
- 19 Dec - Christmas jumper day. Christmas dinner. Bright Beginnings & Nursery Puppet Show (10.30am). Bright Beginnings attend morning, NO AFTERNOON SESSION.
- 20 Dec - Gold Praise assembly 9.15am.
- 21 Dec - Carols Around the Tree (2pm). School closes for Christmas holidays.
No afterschool club on this day.

On Tuesday 8th January Year 6 will have their first swimming session, so will need to bring their swimming kits.

10 top tips for reading stories to your child

- 1 Make reading to your child feel like a treat. Introduce each new book with excitement.
- 2 Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.
- 3 Show curiosity in what you're going to read:
Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get even angrier now.
- 4 Read the whole story the first time through without stopping too much. If you think your child might not understand something, model an explanation:
Oh I think what's happening here is that...
- 5 Chat about the story:
I wonder why he did that?
Oh no, I hope she's not going to...
I wouldn't have done that, would you?
- 6 Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
- 7 Link stories to your own experiences (e.g. *This reminds me of...*)
- 8 Read favourite stories over and over again. Get your child to join in with the bits they know.
- 9 Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices. Your child will love it.
- 10 Read with enjoyment. If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.



Nativity

If your child is in Nursery or Reception, please make sure they are back at school at 4.30pm on Thursday 13th December. This is to make sure we have enough time to get them ready for their fantastic performance at 5pm. Thank you.

Attendance



Last week Reception were worthy winners with a great 99.6%.

This week our winners are Reception once again with 98.3%.

Christmas Holidays

School closes Friday 21st December, and re-opens to children on Tuesday 8th January.

Monday 7th January is a staff training day.

The staff would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

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Brownhills Best:



Year 1

In maths, Year 1 have been learning about weight. They had fun weighing items and comparing the weights of two items. They used key vocabulary like lighter than, heavier than and equal to. They were also asked to start predicting how many cubes different classroom items weighed. A difficult skill but their predictions became more accurate as the week progressed.



The children had a fantastic time watching *Awful Aunty* at the theatre. They sat brilliantly all the way through and thoroughly enjoyed their experience. It was lovely to hear them talking about the play afterwards and to hear how much they enjoyed it. You were a credit to Brownhills West, well done everyone!

Year 2

In Year 2, we have been learning about 'The Great Fire of London'. We've put the events which lead to the fire in order and explained how the fire started. Towards the end of this week, we will be writing diary entries as Thomas Fariner (The baker who started the fire) thinking about his actions before and after the fire as well as thoughts and emotions throughout.

We've really enjoyed the topic and have found out some really important facts.

Did you know?

- Thomas Fariner's bakery was on Pudding Lane.
- He was baking bread and went to bed, but forgot to put the fire out.
- He was woken up in the night and had to climb out of his window upstairs onto his neighbour's house because the fire was already burning his house.
- The fire spread so quickly because the houses were made from wood, were really close together and the wind was really strong.
- To stop the fire spreading, people pulled their houses down instead of letting the fire burn them.
- People put their belongings on boats and tried to escape on the River Thames.
- There was no fire service so people had to use leather buckets to try and put the fire out.
- Despite lots of London burning and lots of people becoming homeless, only 6 people died in the fire. The first person was Thomas Fariner's maid because she was too scared to climb out of the window.