



# Brownhills West Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2017

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## Children in need...

We have raised an amazing £175.50 which will all be passed onto the charity.

Many thanks for your kind donations. We are proud to announce that PUDSEY will visit our school on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November first thing in the morning!

## Office Helpers...



Part of educating our children is to give them responsibilities. Y6 children do a great job in the morning helping with a variety of tasks. However, please ask if you'd rather speak to Mrs Wall or Mrs Slatcher. Thank you.



## Gentle Reminders...

**Smoking/Vaping-** As we need to promote good role models for all our children, can I please remind everyone that smoking & vaping are not allowed on school premises once through the front gate. Thank you.

**Glass jars-** We would still welcome decorated jars for our Christmas Fair. Many thanks in advance.



## Important Dates

**Christmas Play tickets** will come home soon. Please watch out for

letter to follow.

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>: **Christmas Fair** from 3:30 to 5pm.

Dec 7<sup>th</sup>: **Photo order** deadline.

Dec 12<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for ordering **Christmas dinner**. Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 do not need to pay, but will still need to order. Nursery and Years 3 to 6 children will be charged £2.20. Payment to be sent with order.



## Attendance

Last week our attendance award went to Year 6 with 97.1%.

This week the winners are Year 1 with 97.8%. Well done to both classes!

## School Attendance

What was your child's attendance last year?

99% - 100%



Well done - Outstanding!

Here every day or missed less than 2 days in school (less than 10 hours of lost learning)

97% - 98%

Excellent



Doing well may have missed up to 1 week in school (10 to 25 hours of lost learning)

96% - 97%

Good



This group could have missed up to 2 weeks in school which will have an impact on learning (25 to 45 hours of lost learning)

90% - 96%



Requires immediate improvement

This group could have missed up to 4 weeks in school which will have an impact on learning (45 to 100 hours of lost learning)

Less than 90%



Persistently absent

These pupils will have missed more than 4 weeks in school - more than 100 hours of lost learning. Achievement and friendship groups seriously affected - parents at risk of prosecution

Thank you for sending your children to school every day and on time. Good attendance makes a real difference to children's achievements



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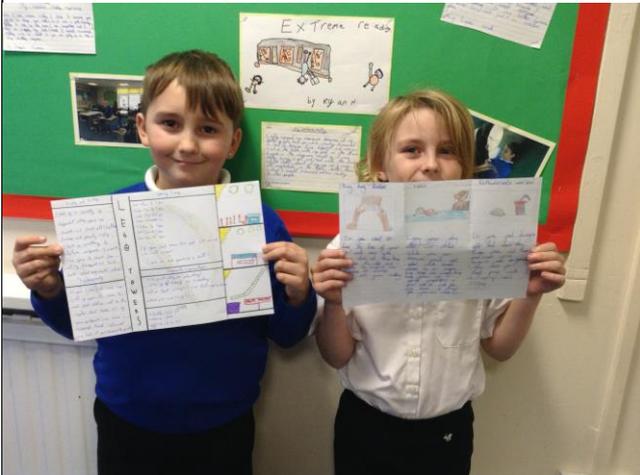
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## Brownhills Best:



### Year 5



This term in Year 5 we have been creating leaflets to persuade people to come to our very own Theme Parks. We have used persuasive techniques including rhetorical questions and the use of incentives to help make our leaflets look more persuasive. Who knows, maybe we can use our new found skills to persuade Mrs Wemyss to not give us any homework! (Not likely...)

### Year 6

This week Year 6 have started a new English unit and have watched a short film called 'The Piano' by Aidan Gibbons. There are no words so we have had to make inferences as to what the film is all about. We see an old man playing a tune on the piano which then provokes flashbacks.

Taylor said: 'I think it's the story of the man's life. We see that he had a wife (and we think she's passed away), he was in a war, and that he treasured his hobby horse which he has now given to another child who we presume is his grandson.' We're looking forward to writing the story to go with this film.



Our 'Topic' lessons are linked to water. We've discovered that new water isn't made and that the water that's around now is the water that was around when the dinosaurs were too!

