

THE BROOK BROADCAST

WE MISS YOU YEAR TWO!

This week has not felt the best week for us at school because we have all deeply missed our Year Two children and staff. However, we are pleased to hear that they are all well.

We are so grateful to all of our Year Two families who have all been amazing by ensuring their little person has self-isolated and have also been so supportive of their home learning.

Thank you also to our fabulous teaching staff who have been working hard from their homes, ensuring that fun and engaging learning is set for the isolating children and that we are checking in with our families.

We are really keeping everything crossed that the news breaking today about the period of self-isolation will allow our Year Two children to join us again in time for the drive-in event and also in time for coming back to school to join in the festivities.

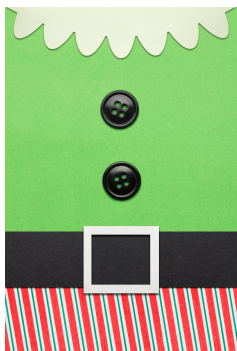
We will be communicating directly with our Year Two families as soon as we have confirmation.

FATHER CHRISTMAS' VISIT



Many of you will have noticed that Mr Spark has been busy building an outbuilding in our nursery outside area. It is replacing a playhouse that had a rotten floor and will be used as a more usable extra learning space (Our Studio) for our nursery children. However, before it is handed over to our nursery, it will be our magical grotto.

The grotto will be fully decorated in the next few days. Father Christmas will take up his rightful place in the grotto on Wednesday so that all of our children will be able to visit him throughout the day.



Father Christmas has agreed to follow our Covid19 procedures and the children will visit in their bubbles and will remain outside of the grotto, whilst Father Christmas will remain inside. The children will be able to talk to Father Christmas, at social distance, and then there will be a gift for every child that has been allowed to fallow for over a month. The gifts will be handed out by our fully santised friendly elf!

OUR BIG PREMIERE!

On Monday we have a full day of screenings of our Christmas Production - A Bundle of Joy. If you have not already booked your ticket, please do so before the end of Friday. If you have other family members that would like to attend (such as grandparents), please also feel able to book extra tickets.

All tickets remain totally **free**, due to the generosity of Cinestock, but they do need to be booked via our Eventbrite link (just as last year).

Please remember that All tickets must be brought with you (this can simply be by having the email on your phone) to the venue as every ticket will be scanned at the entrance and people without a ticket will not be given entry. We would hate for families to miss out on this experience because they forgot their ticket.

The owner, Mr. Oliver Tully has been so very kind and has not charged us anything for this exciting experience. However, he has asked if he can sell food and drink via the NOQ app. As a school community, we appeal to all of our families to show our gratitude, and support this business by purchasing snacks and drinks if you can. Once booked on the app, the food and drink is brought to your car. Please can all families **NOT** take their own snacks and drinks as this is a rule of Cinestock, but also that would seem wrong considering the experience Oliver is affording us all for free.

The Drive-In Movies are held inside a massive warehouse at The South of England Showground in Ardingly. This means that screenings can be held in the day and are weather proof.

South of England Showground, Selsfield Rd, Haywards Heath, RH17 6TH

Please remember that ALL children must be in school on Monday morning so that for safeguarding purposes they are all registered. However, families will be able to collect their children if booked into the school time performances. Please see previously sent email for timings.

We are hoping that our Year Two children can now join us with the breaking news that isolation periods are being reduced, however we at present awaiting confirmation. If this does not happen as we would like, we are going to be talking with Oliver Tully on Monday and hope to be able to find a small window of time in which we can screen the Drive-In Movie for our Year Two families. Due to the schedule of festive shows, this will most probably be in a daytime slot. We are working as hard as we can to get something for these families, but are in the hands of Cinestock.



CHRISTMAS SONGS FOR THE COMMUNITY

With the absence of our Year Two children this week, our Year One stepped up and went out to sing (at a social distance) to nominated people within our community.

The children made us so proud because they all sung their hearts out and also used their Makaton. We have a film that can be watched of one group of our Year One children in action via our Facebook page.

We have had so much positive feedback from the people that were nominated and our children have clearly brought so much joy. Thank you Year One.



CHRISTMAS CARD ROUTINE REMINDER



We thank you all for following our Christmas Card routine which is enabling us to manage this tradition safely in school during the pandemic. For those that are yet to bring their cards in, please can we ask that **Christmas Cards are only brought in by Monday** and placed in the class Christmas Card box. We will then store them safely before **we hand them out on Thursday**.

Year Two parents, please remember there is a lidded box outside of the main gate in which you can deposit any cards. Please do this by Monday at the latest.

COVID REMINDER

As you know, we have had our first case of Covid19 at the school and we can honestly say that we do not like it as it means having adults and children missing from our community. In school, we are continuing to follow all of our routines and procedures to help with our fight to keep Covid19 out of our school, but as always we cannot do it alone and we need the support of our whole community.

We would like to thank the vast majority of our families who support all of our procedures, regardless of their own thoughts. We are proud to say that our parents have been amazing at wearing face coverings on the playground for which we are highly grateful.

We know that not everyone likes to wear face masks and glasses wearers can find it tricky when you steam up. However, we continue to ask our community to wear face coverings in order to protect everyone as much as possible, but in particular to protect some of our highly vulnerable staff. If a member of staff goes down with Covid19, we have to close bubbles and we are all trying our hardest to avoid this. As a staff we have followed the rules, even in our own time, to protect our whole community.

Please can we ask everyone to carry on being extra vigilant. Thank you to those that always do wear their mask.



CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY!

Please remember that on Wednesday 16th December, we will be having a very festive day as the children will have their Christmas Lunch and Christmas Parties. As we have said, we also have a very special visitor who will be arriving in our outdoor grotto for this day.

We are asking all of our children to wear Christmas jumpers (and home clothes on this day) but please don't buy one especially. Please ensure what they wear is warm enough for our Covid19 ventilation and also that footwear is sensible for the weather and safety.



Thank you to the PTA for helping the Elves with the special gifts and also for providing the party hats that all of our children will be given for their Christmas Lunch. Thank you also to Father Christmas for making time to help us bring the magic of Christmas to all of our children.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION LINK

All of our families will be getting a link to our Christmas Production, but this will not be coming out to everyone until later next week. The screened performances will happen before the link is shared.



When you receive the link, we are happy for this to be shared with family members so that people can enjoy the production, but please can we ask that this link is never shared on Social Media. This is because we have to ensure that all of our children are safeguarded and some would be put at risk by this being shared in an uncontrolled way.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 14th December 2020 – Film Release Date and Drive-In Movie Event

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Jumper ... Christmas Lunch ... Christmas Party ... and Father Christmas Visit Day

Thursday 17th December 2020 – School Closes at 13:00.

Friday 18th December 2020 – Inset Day

Monday 4th January 2021 – Back to School

Monday 22nd February 2021 – Inset Day

Monday 7th June 2021 – Inset Day

