

THE BROOK BROADCAST

LITTLE DONKEY, LITTLE DONKEY, ON A DUSTY ROAD!

We were all so excited to welcome our special visitors on Monday from East Clayton Farm. Bramble and Bobbin were the most wonderful and gentle creatures and they brought so much joy to the whole school and nursery community.

The children really enjoyed being able to stroke the donkeys, feed them grass and watch them walk around our site.

Having spent the morning being fed and stroked by all of our children, Bramble had a little bit of acting work to do, as he had to take on the important role of the donkey in the Nativity story. Our very own Joseph had the chance to become a confident donkey handler and our Mary enjoyed walking alongside Bramble.

We have been sharing some of our 'Making Of A Bundle of Joy' photographs via Facebook and we are blown away how these images are becoming our very special Christmas Performance Film. This performance whilst still focused on the singing and dancing that Brook Infant School and Nursery are known for, is going to be very different.



COVID UPDATES

We are always reviewing our Covid19 procedures and there are a few reminders that we need to give.

Hand Sanitiser ... Please can all families make sure that the children do not bring in any of their own hand sanitiser. We have plenty in school that is freely available and frequently used. In school we have to adhere to 'Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations' and if children bring in their own we cannot do that. They are also not using it in a safe way because they often share bottles.

Items from Home ... Please can all families make sure that the children are not bringing in toys, jewellery or gifts for others from home as they are swapping these and also things are going missing. However, our biggest concern is with all things that come from home we leave them to fallow for two days, but when children bring in these things they are simply being handed from family to family, putting people at risk.

Temperature Checks ... The guidance remains the same and it states that temperature checks should not be carried out in schools or nurseries as they provide an unreliable form of data. We temperature check children who are off colour as per the guidance, but not everyone, every morning.



If you get a positive Covid19 test result within your immediate family out of school hours, please email head@brookinfant.school to inform the school.

A BUNDLE OF JOY - TAKE ONE

This week the school has been turned into a mini Hollywood set with a green screen, stage lights, a boom, cameras and the all important clapper board.



It has been amazing for the children to experience how movies are made and how you film each little piece separately and these little pieces get put together to make the scene and eventually the finished masterpiece.

All of the children have looked amazing in the costumes you kindly provided. We thank you greatly for this! They have all risen to the challenge of saying their lines so confidently and singing so well. Next week we move on to filming the dances and we can't wait.

Our official release date for 'A Bundle of Joy' is Monday 14th December 2020 and although we cannot give you the final details yet, we have some exciting news about the release, so please save the date!

REMINDER - HOW ARE WE DOING?

We very much appreciate feedback from you, our families and so we have provided below the link to a parental survey. Please use the QR code alongside to access and complete our parental survey. We have included the link in the covering email. We really hope everybody will respond.

Thank you in anticipation of your feedback.



CHRISTMAS SONGS FOR THE COMMUNITY



We have got a plan forming to brighten up the day of older people living in walking distance of our school. Our Year Two children would like to go out to sing, in groups of 15, showcasing some of our performance songs, on the pavements outside of a nominated person's home. We will ask you, our parents, to nominate people who you know would benefit from the joy that this would spread. Please use the QR code, or the link within the cover email, alongside to nominate. Will we then contact the nominees to arrange times.

Please can any Year Two family email the school office, by Friday 4th December at the latest, if you would rather your child did not take part in Christmas Songs for the Community.

Clearly in the time of Covid19, all social distancing rules will be adhered to and the children will remain on the pavement at all times and will be supervised in the normal adult:child ratios for going out of school. The Government has also just stated this is an authorised activity.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We appreciate that our children might want to still give Christmas Cards to their friends. In order for us to manage this safely in school during the pandemic, please can we ask that **Christmas Cards are only brought in on a Monday** and placed in a box, labelled Christmas Cards, by the outside class entrances.

We will then store them safely before **we hand them out on a Friday**.

In the last week, we will have to give the cards on the final Thursday.



CHRISTMAS TREE

We would very much like to thank 'Perfect Scent' who kindly donated a beautiful Christmas tree to our school.

They are still taking orders for trees, a booking form was sent in a previous email, if you are interested in purchasing yours.

Please try to support this local business.



GOODBYE FOR NOW!

Sadly today, we said a goodbye for now to Miss Nicole Maynard who has been working very hard as a teacher in Badgers Class. We are so grateful for how hard she has been working to support the children's learning and we will miss her greatly. We wish her well for the next term ahead.

The good news is that Miss Maynard will be joining us again in the Summer Term and so we look forward to welcoming her back then.



WELCOME



Next week we welcome three new teachers to our school. Miss Hollie Smith and Miss Sophie Brain who will be joining Year Two, whilst Miss Georgie Vinten will be joining Dragonflies.

Mrs Shannon Richman continues her work in Kingfishers until a bit later in the term.

THE WOODLAND IS CALLING!

We are so pleased to say that our 'Woodland Wonders' and 'Forest School' work are both proving to be real success stories and the interest from the children and staff alike about learning in our woods is building daily.

To support our vision of ensuring all children experience plenty of hands on and outdoor learning, we have recently invested in puddle suits for all of our little Owlets (nursery children) and we are training three more of our staff in 'Becoming an Outdoor Teacher'. This will mean that we will be able to provide woodland based work from Nursery to Year Two throughout the year and even within our wrap around care.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 30th November – Christmas Production Dance Filming

Monday 14th December 2020 – Film Release Date

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Jumper ... Christmas Dinner ... 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

