

THE BROOK BROADCAST

PREMIERE OF 'A BUNDLE OF JOY'

We are so excited that we have been able to share our exciting news with you all about our fabulous Christmas Production being screened as a Drive-In Movie. Our Christmas Production entitled 'A Bundle of Joy' will be released on Monday 14th December 2020. Every family will also be provided with a link to our blockbuster film and so you will be able to watch it with your family from the comfort of your own home and you will be able to share it with grandparents as well. However, we are asking that this link is not shared on social media platforms for the safety of all of our children.

The reason we wanted to plan something as exciting as a Drive-In Movie experience is because as a school we felt we needed to reimagine Christmas as we wanted to find a way to bring a bit more joy to our families at this difficult time when we are all having to go without many festive traditions. We would have loved to welcome you all into school to watch the performances as normal, but Covid19 had other ideas. Therefore, it was during this time of thought that our idea for the Drive-In Movie was born.

Having had the dream, we had to work hard to make that dream become a reality and that is where from stage left, an amazing partner came into play in the form of Oliver Tully owner and organiser of Cinestock who provide the Indoor Drive-In Events at the South of England Event Centre and is in fact the UK's only Indoor Drive-In. We asked if we could screen our performance to the parents as a drive-in event and Oliver Tully kindly said he could make that happen in between their busy schedule of hosting Drive-In Pantomime, Kids Elf & Santa Shows and their much loved and 98% 5-star reviewed Drive-In Cinema events. The indoor nature of this unique Drive-In makes it even better for this time of year as shows are weatherproof and can also happen throughout the day. Tickets and further information about all their shows (NOT OUR SCREENINGS) can be found at www.cinestock.co.uk.



We are planning on there being four time slots so that we can ensure that every family can have **one** car at these showings, however we are awaiting the final confirmation on this from the organiser. The times we are trying to arrange are 11:00, 14:00, 16:00 and 18:00. We cannot open this up to more than one car, due to capacity. If families book more than one car, we will remove the second booking from the system and therefore entry will not be given. If we then have spaces left, we will let people know of the extra availability.

We obviously want to ensure that our wonderful children will be given the chance to see themselves on the 'big screen', so if you book a daytime slot, you will be able to pick your children up from school so that they can come with you. We would ask that all children come to school in the morning and get picked up from 10:00 if attending the 11:00 showing. The children will then be expected to return to school afterwards. With regards to the 14:00 showing, children can be picked up from 13:00. We will notify you of collection arrangements nearer the time.

All tickets for this will be totally **free**, due to the generosity of Cinestock, but they do need to be booked via our Eventbrite link (just as last year). The link for this will come out on Monday when I hope to have the times confirmed. 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



We really hope that you feel that this is an amazing opportunity for our children and our families. We certainly do. We suspect that our children may have to begin signing autographs very soon!

As many of you will know, at our Christmas Performances, we always have a collecting plate at the door and many families give incredibly generously. The money from this collection helps us to offset the cost of our performances, such as props and backdrops and will also help us to invest in more classroom resources, such as Numicon to support mathematical learning. We also would normally get given a small amount of money from the sale of the DVDs each year, but this year we are providing the link for free. We have felt very strongly this year that we wanted to provide Christmas for free as we wanted all families to be able to see the film, regardless of if they could afford a buy a copy or could get to the Drive-In experience.

As a school we have not been able to have the usual fundraising events this year due to Covid19 restrictions, therefore if families would still like and feel able to make a donation to support the school at this time, please feel free to donate via our donation buckets that will be outside of the year group entrance doors on the morning of the Christmas Party Day (Wednesday 16th December 2020) or by donating directly into our School Fund Account. If you would prefer donating this way, please use the following details and mark your donation as 'DONATION':

HSBC
Sort Code: 40-38-08
Account Number: 01511807

Thank you for even considering supporting us in this way.

We thought it would be helpful to summarise what you now need to do to ensure you get a ticket.

- Go to our Eventbrite booking system (once launched on Monday) and book one car space for the showing you would like to attend as a family. We will message when the Eventbrite system has launched.
- Check you get an email from Eventbrite containing your scannable code for booking in - please keep this safe on your phone or print if you prefer.
- Download the NOQ app ready for ordering food - use the QR code below to find it.
- Bring your email with the scannable code on the day.



CHRISTMAS SONGS FOR THE COMMUNITY

As we mentioned last week, we have a plan to brighten up the day of older people living in walking distance of our school. Our Year Two children will be going out to sing, in groups of 15, during the afternoons next week and will be showcasing some of our performance songs, on the pavements outside of a nominated person's home. We wanted to ask you, our parents, one last time to nominate people who you know would benefit from the joy that this would spread. Please use the QR code alongside, or the link within the cover email, to nominate. We have already been contacting the nominees we have so far to arrange times, but there is still room for more if you get in quickly.



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 TREES

We have been spoilt this year and as a school and nursery we have had further donations of Christmas Trees.

Thank you to Haskins Garden Centre Snow Hill for your two beautiful trees. Thank you also to Mr Hazeltine for collecting these trees so promptly. Thank you also to one of our parents, Mr Hibbard, for delivering us a wonderful tree for our grotto that is currently being built by Mr Spark.



CHRISTMAS CARD ROUTINE REMINDER



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 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 PARTY DAY!

On Wednesday 16th December, we will be having a very festive day as the children will have their Christmas Lunch and Christmas Parties. 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.

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

