

Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 13th December

The run up to Christmas is always an exciting time in school. As you will see in this newsletter, the past couple of weeks have been a very busy but fun time. Next week we are looking forward to our Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday, our Carol Service in the church at 11am on Wednesday, and Christmas parties throughout the week.



With only one week of school left before we finish for Christmas, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones the happiest of times filled with love, joy, and togetherness. Hold your loved ones close and let us celebrate the gift of family and friends, and cherish the moments we share with one another. We are looking forward to seeing you all back in school **on Tuesday 7th January**.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Year Six Lead the Christingle Service

To celebrate the beginning of Advent and to remember Jesus as the light of our world, Year Six led a special service for the school last week. Children were left with this message to reflect upon:

Christingle candles light up the room, we can light up the world by doing kind things and helping others. Every good deed we do brings God's love into the world.

This links closely with our vision and how we can also shine for others.



Wonderful Nativities

Wow! It is difficult to put into words how heart-warming the two nativities at school were. Nursery and Reception started us off last Friday with a retelling of the Christmas story in style. The confidence, singing and acting skills on display from our youngest children was amazing. It was certainly full of Christmas spirit and joy.

Years 1 and 2 performed their nativity to parents on Monday and again did us all proud. Fantastic singing (including solos from Nancy and Nathaniel), acting and dancing. Well done everybody and a thank you to all of our wonderful staff who made these performances possible.



A Message from Rising Stars

Rising Stars children of all ages from Nursery to Year 6 would like to share with you their Christmas tree decorations. Each child had lots of fun personalising their own unique creative designs. Using their imagination allowed the children to sparkle and shine while reaching for the stars.

P.S Just a gentle reminder next Friday 20th Club will finish at 4:15pm.
Merry Christmas to you all Ange and Sally.



Children Enjoy a Pantomime

Thanks to your support of Friends of the School events, the PTA funded a wonderful Pantomime, 'Beauty and the Beast' this week for the whole school and Nursery. It was a fun, hilarious (and

rather loud) end to the term. Thank you PTA and to you for your generosity.



A Christmas Performance of the Ukulele

This term, Year Six have been learning the ukulele with Mr Harvey. Today they performed to the school, showing their newly learned talents! The whole school were singing and clapping along. Well Done Year 6.



Choir Shine in our Community

Some of our choir visited the Stokesley Community Centre this week to sing some Christmas songs and carols. Jessica said "*It made me happy to see them carrying on clapping at the end, and one of the ladies had happy tears*". More of the choir will be visiting some of our elderly neighbours next week.

Thank you choir for shining for our community.



PTA Christmas News

Hopefully, you will all have bought your tickets for the grand 'Rainbow Raffle' which will be drawn on Tuesday. Thanks to your generosity, the PTA have put together eight wonderful hampers! If you are a winner we will inform you on Tuesday



Today, the children were introduced to a giant elf (we have temporarily named him Elfie until he finds his new home) who has got himself locked in a cage! Next week children will have the chance (£1 a guess) to unlock him by guessing the correct combination to the lock. The one who does will take 'Elfie' home! The PTA will be in front of the school at home time next week. Good Luck!



St Augustine's nativity

**ST AUGUSTINE'S CRIB SERVICE
CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday 24 Dec at 4pm.**

We are looking for KGB children to take part in our annual Crib Service on Christmas Eve which tells the story of the nativity. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday 15th December at 4pm and Sunday 22nd December at 4pm. Children will need to wear a Christmas jumper and a bobble hat. For more details, please contact Alex - 07876 551322

Use of WhatsApp / Social Media

At school, we appreciate the value of community, sharing information and supporting each other. The groups formed between parents, such as class WhatsApp groups, can be very useful to do this and we would not discourage it.

However, please can we ask that if you have any concerns about school that you raise this initially with the class teacher or, if needed, with the headteacher and not on chat groups. Children in classes should never be discussed on these.

The below is a paragraph from the parents' Acceptable Use Policy which you have all received:

I will promote positive online safety and model safe, responsible and positive behaviours in my own use of technology, including on social media: not sharing other's images or details without permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others, including the school, school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, pupils or other parents/carers.

Below is the full document and thank you for your support in this.



KGB AUP Parents 2021.pdf

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133.4 KB

Safeguarding at KGB

It is the role of all adults in a child's life to keep them safe and all staff in school have regular training in safeguarding and child protection. You can read our safeguarding policies on our website. In our school the designated person for safeguarding is Mrs McCormick (who should be your first point of contact if you have any concerns), and we have two deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Gence and Miss Atkinson. We are here to support children and families so please do get in touch if you have any concerns about a child's well-being or would like some support as a family.

Parking - A reminder

It seems a long time since I have had to write about parking on the newsletter. This is because the vast amount of parents are thinking about the safety of our children when you park and I want to say a huge thank you to all. Last year, after consultation with parents, children and the police, we made the decision to close the layby at pick up time. This was solely for the safety of our children. The difference at pick up is huge- children feel so much safer. However there appears to be a small minority of people picking up who choose to park in the layby or on the yellow lines opposite the road despite this. I would ask, please that the following is passed on to grandparents or people who pick up who may not be aware of the rule:



- There is NO parking in the layby at pickup- cars that may be parked there will be staff. (The exception are blue badge holders)
- Parking is available at the Sports and Social Centre and Whinstone's Hotel
- Please do NOT park between the lampposts opposite school on the yellow lines.
- The Layby is open for pick up from Rising Stars- please do not use the staff carpark
- There may be cars parked in the layby- these are staff cars who can not fit in the staff carpark

Thank you for your support in keeping your child safe.

Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 17th December Christmas Jumper and Christmas lunch day.

18th Dec 11am Christmas Service in church : **all welcome**

Christmas parties: KS2 18th Dec, EYFS 19th Dec, KS1 20th Dec (teachers will send info via Seesaw)

Tuesday 7th January 2025 : Children return to school

Community News

STOKESLEY TOWN COUNCIL PRESENTS

Stokesley Sparkle

**FRIDAY 29TH
NOVEMBER**

Christmas Lights Switch on 8.00pm

Meet Santa in his Grotto 4.30pm-7.30pm

Lantern parade 7.30pm

Buy your Santa tickets (including lantern template from 18/11/24) £2.00 per ticket

from the Town Hall to West Green to light the Christmas Tree

Friday ONLY

Hot Food & Drinks **Live Music** **Children's Trail**

The poster features a dark blue background with a starry night sky and a trail of golden sparkles. It includes illustrations of a Santa Claus figure, a string of colorful Christmas lights, and several yellow starburst shapes containing event details. The text is in various fonts, with the main title in a large, white, cursive script.

**THE BRADLEY SCHOOL OF DANCE
AND MUSICAL THEATRE**

PRESENTS

Aladdin

**CHRIST CHURCH HALL
GREAT AYTON**

**TUESDAY 3RD, WEDNESDAY 4TH
AND FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT 7PM**

**SATURDAY 7TH AND SUNDAY 8TH
DECEMBER AT 1.30PM**

Adults £7, Concessions £5

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Principal. Margaret Connolly F.B.A.T.D

**Please bring a food donation for Middlesbrough
food bank and receive a free mince pie**

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 **HAMBLETON**
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



A selection of activities available in your area

AJ STAGE SCHOOLS

Musical theatre workshops with the added magic of pantomime

THE SENSORY DEN

Relax and unwind in a fully kitted out sensory space

ZEST LEISURE CENTRES

Family swim session and delicious lunch

SIMON CARSON SPORTS SCHOOL

Multi-sports camp that builds confidence and shares life lessons

LIVEWIRES

Exciting new opportunities in a safe and inclusive environment

SKIP2BFIT

Activity camp with a variety of games, plus Skip2bFit and Box2bFit

Book your **FREE** space now!



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Emma McCormick

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