



Christmas Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all of your continued support during this term. This year we have planned a Christmas Pantomime and lots of other fun Christmas activities for the children to enjoy.

As you know we are trying to reduce the number of adults attending the academy this term so we will be pre-recording the nativity for EYFS and KS1 as well as KS2 singing. We will then share these with you via social media in the last week. We will also still be celebrating Christmas jumper day and having a Christmas lunch with crackers and fun. We are going to be making Christmas decorations and having our yearly 'Tree dressing' celebrations, albeit a year group at a time and have lots of lovely activities planned in the run up to Christmas.

We will be breaking up on Wednesday the 22nd December this year and children can be collected from 1.15pm that day. We look forward to sharing this lovely season with you and all the festive fun it brings.



Key Dates for December 2021

30th November- Brambles Tree

Dressing— each year group will make decorations and then hang them on our tree in the hall whilst enjoying Christmas carols



10th December- Reindeer run— following a very successful reindeer run last year, we will be asking you to sponsor your children to do a Santa run to raise funds for local charities

13th December- Trust choir event

14th December- Jack and the Beanstalk Panto—in the academy

17th December- Christmas Jumper Day + Christmas Dinner Day. The more festive—the better!

22nd December- am- Christmas Parties and early finish for children- 1.15pm.

22nd December- Pupils break up for Christmas holidays

Please note there will be no afternoon Nursery on Wednesday 22nd December

The academy will re-open for the Spring term on Monday 10th January 2022



Christmas card exchange

If children are wanting to send their friends Christmas cards this year, we are going to have post boxes in each year group. All cards will need to have the recipients name and class number on and need to be in the academy and posted by Friday 10th December. This gives us the necessary time to get them delivered from Monday 13th December. Many thanks



Additional PD Day for Spring Term

Please note that we will be having a PD day on **Monday 7th February**. This is for staff training and children will not attend the academy.

The Queen will celebrate her Platinum Jubilee from Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June 2022, creating an additional bank holiday next year.

Schools have been given permission to add this extra day at some point during the Spring or Summer Term. The milestone means Her Majesty will be the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. She acceded to the throne at 25 in 1952.

TVED Carol Service

This year we will be attending the Trust TVED choir concert on Monday 13th December. The children will be singing their songs for this annual carol concert in their academy year groups. We will be joined by the other schools from Tees Valley education and the video will be shared with parents and pupils on social media.



Christmas Fayre

Due to an increase in the rates of COVID 19 in the local area and in order to minimise the risk of infection during the Christmas period, we will be unable to have a Christmas Fayre this year.

However, we will still be making Christmas decorations for the children to bring home and decorating cakes which the children can purchase from the academy. Further details to follow.



Christmas parties

Wednesday 22nd

December



Children can wear party outfits if they wish and we will provide games for them to play with on Wednesday 22nd December, which is Christmas party day.

Due to COVID restrictions we ask that you do not send any toys in from home this year as we need to minimise the risk of contamination and reduce the amount of contact or sharing of items.

Although we are still experiencing the effects of Covid19 and its impact on day to day life, one thing is certain... It is in times like these when you learn to appreciate what is really important, time with family and friends and making lots of fabulous memories. It is with this in mind that the staff and children of Brambles Primary Academy wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope to welcome you back safely on Monday 10th January 2022.

