



**Bringhurst
Primary School**
Broadening Horizons

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Dear Parents,

Christmas is almost here as I write this final newsletter of 2017. The white Christmas arrived early resulting in a 'snow day' closure on Monday. I really hate giving in to the elements however health, safety and well-being of the children and staff meant we had no choice but to close. Thank you to the children who shared with me their stories and poems inspired by the day. Everyone seemed to have made the most of it building snowmen, sledging and generally having fun.

The school choir started the festivities with their superb performance at Our Lady of Walsingham Church in Corby on the 6th December. They sang two Christmas pieces – Stars and Three Kings beautifully and my thanks to Elizabeth Lane our Dret music teacher for working with us this term.

Many thanks to the PTA for organising the Christmas Fayre last Friday. The event proved a great success with lots of festive activities and treats. A huge thank you to all who gave up their time and to those of you who came and spent some money. All the children managed to see Santa in his grotto for a Christmas gift.

It seems strange to break up on a Tuesday this year but we will have two very busy days with the Christmas parties, Christmas Lunch and finally the Carol Concert at Great Easton Church to send us all on our way full of festive cheer. We will of course be very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Freer after over fourteen years of teaching at Bringhurst. On behalf of the staff and children I would like to wish her good health and happiness in whatever she decides to do next.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a happy healthy new year.

Angela Watson

Headteacher

Much Ado About Nothing

Year 6 gave a wonderful performance of Much Ado About Nothing at the Shakespeare School's Festival. I was so proud of each and every member of the cast who delivered their lines with such confidence. Everyone played their part however big or small with such conviction making it a superb team effort. A huge thank you to Mrs Hemmings, Mrs Owen and Jenny from the Cube for directing and preparing them all to such a high standard. I'm sure the children will always remember the experience as one of the highlights of their final year.



Nativity 2017

Our lovely Reception and Year 1 children were delightful in telling their Nativity story – The Christmas Gift. Seeing them in their costumes and singing so joyfully helps us all remember the true meaning of Christmas. A huge thank you to Mrs Palmer, Mrs Muto and Mrs Spooner for preparing them so well.



Tree Celebration Week

The children and staff enjoyed this curriculum themed week which ended with the tree dressing day. How fortunate we are to have our very own artist in residence Mrs Hammond who planned and co-ordinated the event with each year group making different items inspired by trees and wildlife. The theme was also a focus for literacy during the week with some excellent writing which you can see on the display. It was lovely to see some pre-schoolers at the workshop on the Friday and several parents embracing their creative talents too.

Young Voices Birmingham

Our choir have alongside practising their Christmas items been preparing for the Young Voices Concert which takes in Birmingham on January 10th. They will need to keep practicing over the holiday as that does not give us much time for rehearsals when we return!

Sports News

The sports teams put in a fantastic effort this term showing excellent commitment. The basketball team came second in our group and a huge thank you to Mr Reid for coaching them.

We now have a girl's football team who showed great team spirit at the DRET cluster completion at Lodge Park last week, the mixed football team has had to be postponed due to the weather but has been rearranged for a date in January 2018.

Good luck to our cross country runners on Saturday 16th December and lovely to see such a large number of children taking part.



This year through the David Ross Foundation each child will receive a book as a Christmas present. We have decided to encourage the children to read their book over the holiday and will be planning some activities in the New Year back in school around the selected books.

Dates for Your Diary



Friday 15th December

Christmas Jumper Day

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Find Out Friday 2:30pm

Tuesday 19th December

Great Easton Church Service
2:00pm

End of Term

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Term begins

Wednesday 10th January

Young Voices Concert Birmingham

Thursday 11th January

Boccia League

Monday 15th January

Mixed Football DRET cluster
competition at Rockingham
Primary 3:45pm – 5:00pm

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Deadline for Primary School
applications

Monday 22nd January

Swimming Gala Q1

Friday 9th February

School closes for half term