



PRIMARY WORD

We should be the best we can be for we are all God's Masterpiece

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems amazing that another year has passed so quickly and here we are back at the end of the Autumn Term and getting ready for Christmas.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff and governors at the school for their hard work and dedication over the last twelve months. Also, the members of the PTA for their support of the school and all those extra resources they have provided for our children. A big thank you must also go to all of our parents, carers and wider families for supporting us as a school throughout the year and finally the biggest thank you must go to our truly wonderful children who make the school what it is.

Sadly, as with last year we are all still very aware how difficult finances are for many at the moment. So it is perhaps more important than ever to remember what the Christmas story is all about. It is a story about family and a story of love but it is also a story about hope for the future. With this hectic time of year and our lives as busy as they are, it is important to take some time to be in the moment and think about what is truly important in our lives.


I ask our children and all their families to remember the true meaning of the Christmas story, whatever your belief or faith. Make sure you all take the time to show your families and friends how much you appreciate them, not with lavish gifts but with love and care and kindness. Let us make this Christmas holiday a time to feel hope for the future and to know that we are all loved.

On behalf of all the Staff, Governors and pupils I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the best New Year.

Neil Tyler



Events for week beginning Monday 18th December 2023

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Taken By
Monday 18th	09.00-11.20 13.30-14.10 15.30-16.30	Guitar Catch Up (Thursdays Group) Woodwind Catch Up YR1-4 Freestyle Soccer	Library Library School Field	Mr Smith Miss Retford Freestyle
Tuesday 19th	10.30-11.00 12.00-13.15 18.15-20.00	FS Christingle Service KS2 Christmas Lunch Taekwon-do	All Saints Church Main Hall Main Hall	FS Teachers KS2 Mr Bonfield
Wednesday 20th	12.00-13.15	Pupils Christmas Party - MUFTI FS & KS1 Christmas Lunch	Main Hall	FS & KS1
 <p style="text-align: center;">School Closes for Christmas Break Reopens Monday 8th January 2024</p>				
Sunday 24th	10.30-11.30	Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service	Main Hall	Rev Andy Lloyd-Williams

Notices

Illness and Absence

If your child is unwell for any reason and will not be attending school please can you ensure you notify the school of the absence via **ParentMail** or by calling the office on **01604 883900** as soon as possible. If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea please ensure your child remains off school for 48 hours after the last episode to reduce the spread of the illness.



Music Catch Up

Please note guitar and woodwind will be holding their catch up lessons next week. Mr Smith will be holding a lesson on **Monday 18th December** for his Thursday pupils.



Christmas Party - Mufti



This is a reminder that the children will be enjoying some Christmas activities and a small Christmas party within their class groups on the last day of term - **Wednesday 20th December** - therefore all children are invited to wear their own / party clothes to add to the festivities. As with all mufti days, football kits are not permitted to be worn.

Foundation Stage Christingle - Reminder

Foundation Stage Children are attending their Christingle service on **Tuesday 19th December** at **All Saints Church**.

Parents and friends are welcome to join the service and should meet at the church by 10.30am.

If any parents are able to accompany us walking to and from the church please inform your child's teacher.

Weather Procedures

In the event of severe weather and the school having to close a message will be sent out via Parentmail advising the closure of the school as well as a notice being added to our website. The situation will be monitored daily and every effort will be made to reopen once the weather improves.

Assembly Theme Week Commencing 18th December 2023 Christmas

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who have won awards for consistently upholding one or more of the school values.



Socially

Lily A

Academically

Freddie K
Toby Y
Kayani C

Spiritually

Charlie B

Emotionally

Alby B
Scarlett C
Winnie A

Cake Competition Winning Cake

As advised in Primary Word sent out on Friday 24th November, the winner of the Christmas Cake competition was Elsie in year 1. Her cake has now been made into her design by Cakery Bay.

Well done Elsie and thank you again to Cakery Bay for creating another wonderful cake!



Christmas Performances

Here are some photos of the children in full costume ready to take to the stage for their Christmas Performances! They all thoroughly enjoyed taking part and especially enjoyed performing to parents.



PTA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2023

A HUGE thank you to everyone who attended the PTA's Christmas Bazaar. It was amazing to see everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves!

The PTA Committee would like to express particular thanks to the following who helped enormously in the setting up and running of the event: -

The PTA Committee members and Parent Helpers – events like this would simply not happen without your support – thank you for everything.

Teachers, members of staff and Year 6 children who helped out on the day, we really value you giving up your time to help.

The fabulous ladies in the school office who have helped us tirelessly.

Mrs Rose for spending all her spare time folding all the raffle tickets.

Mr Tyler for his continual support and help.

Mr Salter for all that he does to support the PTA and making sure we have everything we need to put on our events.

To all of the children who chose to wear mufti clothes in exchange for a gift or donation towards to Bazaar. Without you and your parent's kind generosity and support many of the stalls we run wouldn't happen.

Father Christmas for taking time out of his hectic schedule, the children loved seeing you, and to Mrs Sparkes and her elves for making sure he got to see all the children on time.

To all our external Stallholders! We hope it was a fun and busy event!

And finally, thank you to all the businesses and parents who contributed to our raffle, including: Blasons Garage and Morrisons Daily. It was amazing to see so many local businesses supporting our event.

Horts Estate Agents	Wilson Browne Solicitors
Able Mortgages	Riverside Hub
Everyone Active	Paula Bryans
Tesco Weston Favell	Sherilee Freshwater
Mini Meadows	Morrisons Spinney Hill
Sugar & Spice	Youth Inspired Spratton Youth Club
Nicky Poole @ Flower & Glass Creations	Pinnacle Centre
Mercedes	Waitrose
Tesco	Pro Move
EC Plumbing	Elite Plumbing
Northampton Hockey Club	Ruth Scotford
Sherilee's Tropic	Peony & Partridge
The Workhouse	Guide Dogs
Sarah Mayfield	Bex's Bodyshop
Blossom Desserts	

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas!

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The Song of the Week

This Week Will be...

Announced next week!

They are Christmas themed songs so they have been extended for a further week and will be announced on the last day.



BRIXWORTH OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Sunday 17th December 4 p.m.

Come and join us as we celebrate and act out the Christmas story. We hold it outside the Library and Community Centre.

Hot mince pies and hot chocolate served **FREE** after the Nativity. Spratton Road will be closed during the event.

P.S If the weather is inclement we will be holding the Nativity at the school at the same time.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT BRIXWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Be sure of getting your Christmas Day off to the best start! Service starts at 10:30am, and finishes at 11:15am. We celebrate together the birth of Jesus with carols, short message and an opportunity for the children to show off their presents. All are welcome.

Contact Andy Lloyd-Williams 07958 604961

[YouTube @Brixworthcommunitychurch](#)

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Christmas Holidays @ Brixworth Library

LibraryPlus

50p donation under 12s | drop in

Activity	Ages	Date	Time
Puzzle Trail	5-12	Sat 23 Dec – Sat 6 Jan	
Christmas Craft	0-12	Thu 21 Dec	10am-4pm
Christmas Craft	0-12	Fri 22 Dec	10am-4pm
Construction Club	0-12	Sat 23 Dec	10am-1pm
CLOSED		Mon 25 Dec	
CLOSED		Tue 26 Dec	
New Year Craft	0-12	Wed 27 Dec	10am-4pm
New Year Craft	0-12	Thu 28 Dec	10am-4pm
New Year Craft	0-12	Fri 29 Dec	10am-4pm
Construction Club	0-12	Sat 30 Dec	10am-1pm
CLOSED		Mon 1 Jan	
Winter Craft	0-12	Tue 2 Jan	10am-4pm
Winter Craft	0-12	Wed 3 Jan	10am-4pm
Winter Craft	0-12	Thu 4 Jan	10am-4pm
Winter Craft	0-12	Fri 5 Jan	10am-4pm
Construction Club	0-12	Sat 6 Jan	10am-1pm
Christmas Quiz Sheets	deadline: Sat 30 Dec		

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Apply for a school place

Is your child's 4th birthday on or before 31 August 2024?

It's time to apply for a Reception place

Application Deadline: 15 January 2024

www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparking stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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