



# BROAD CHALKE C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## CHRISTMAS EVENTS!

Here is your guide to a Broad Chalke School Christmas!

Dear Parents

### Christmas Box Appeal

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Christmas Box appeal. We hope that they will make some of the poorest people in Eastern Europe very happy. We had 35 boxes donated.

### Christmas Cards

The Christmas cards designed by the children looked really lovely, we hope you enjoy them.

### Christmas Tree

We hope to have our Christmas Tree by the end of this week. This has kindly been donated by Simon Hiscock from Prescombe Farm in Ebbesbourne Wake where you can buy lovely, locally-grown Christmas trees.

### Christmas Craft Day

The teachers are grateful for the parent helpers for Christmas Craft day which is happening today. The classrooms will soon begin to look very festive!

### Christmas Post Boxes

We have 7 class Christmas Post Boxes which will go in the Central Area on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** so that our children can send one another cards. Please ensure that all cards are clearly labelled with the **child's first name, surname and class.**

### FOBS Christmas Hampers

The class hampers are beginning to fill up but as they are being collected in on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** to go on display under our Christmas tree there are only really **a few days** left to fill them to the top with goodies! Please donate something to the class effort. The more tickets you can sell, the more money FOBS will raise for the children and the more chances you friends and families have of winning a hamper! Don't forget to ask or message friends and family – some parents are using their family 'what's app' group very successfully! The Grand Draw will take place on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** at Celebration Assembly.

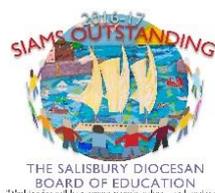
### Class 1 Christmas Trip

Class 1 usually do a Theatre trip to Salisbury Playhouse but this year they will be visiting Salisbury Cathedral on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** to watch 'The Snowman' with a live orchestra.

### Christmas Carol Singing at the Hub

On **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** our school choir will be singing Christmas Songs and Carols at the Hub in Broad Chalke for the switching on of the village Christmas tree lights! This is a wonderful whole village event with the school very much at the centre.

The event starts at 5.45pm and finishes at approximately 6.15pm and the lights will be switched on at 6pm followed by more Carol singing. Parking will be limited so please arrive in plenty of time to get a space or park at the School or the Sports Centre and walk. **Children in the Choir need to be at the Hub for 5.30pm so please allow time to park if your child is in the Choir.**



Half of the road will be closed off with bollards and that there will be 'POLICE SLOW' signs. Please may I remind you that children are the responsibility of their parents at this event and the children will need very careful supervision when in the dark next to the road so please keep them close to you. Please do come along for a festive sing-a-long and don't forget your torch!

### Ice Skating!

This year, as a special treat, we have arranged to take class 5 and 6 ice skating in Salisbury on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** from 11.00 – 11.45am. Our school will have sole use of the ice skating rink. We will be using our Sports Grant so it will be FREE!

### Lantern Parade

The Art Club are busy making lanterns for the Lantern Parade in Salisbury on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. **The children who are involved need to meet at 5:45pm in the Cathedral Close for the parade at 6:15 – 7:00pm**. Parents will need to accompany children. Thank you to Mrs Pickup and Mrs Newman for making the lanterns with the children.

### Nativity – Year R, 1 and 2 only

We always do a short (it's about 20 minutes) but traditional Nativity Play. Luckily for parents, we supply all the costumes for Reception class who are the ones who dress up. The Nativity will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 6pm**. This will involve all the children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 but it will be the Reception children who act out the Nativity story. Reception, Class 1 and 2 will all sing and some Class 2 children will be narrators. The children need to be back in school for the evening performance so school doors will open at **5:30pm** and children will go to their classrooms whilst parents can take their seats (if booked) in the school hall. **Before and after both performances FOBS will be selling drinks and snacks for DONATIONS as a festive fundraiser. Please note that children cannot come into school before 5.30pm unless parents are helping with FOBS refreshments.**

With 90 children taking part, it is **essential** that parents let us know which performance they would like to attend. Because of Health and Safety, we have to limit numbers to a maximum of 150 people plus staff and all the children taking part. **For the first time we are going to trial our online Parents Evening booking system, which we used for booking parent teacher meetings recently (which worked well!). Please see the e-mail sent 29.11.19 for the link to login and book seats.**

**As usual, we will limit the booking to 2 seats per family to each performance to enable every family a chance to attend either performance, please book online by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December for your 2 seats to avoid disappointment. We will also run a WAITING LIST for further seats, please ring or e-mail the school office. We will offer these seats (if available) from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The waiting list will be on a first come first served basis for a maximum of 2 extra places (if available).** There are often spaces available for the afternoon performance.

Young children are welcome to attend the afternoon performance but **please can they be taken out** if they are noisy as it is so disappointing for both children and parents when the performers cannot be heard. Children in classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be watching the dress rehearsal performance on Wednesday afternoon, along with some older members of the community. **Any siblings or children accompanying you will need a booked seat** to comply with the maximum capacity of people allowed in our hall.

### Photographs

Parents are very welcome to take photos at school events such as the Nativity, but please be considerate about what you do with them. If you do take photographs of your children at any school event please be responsible in your use of those photos if they also feature other people's children.

Please do not put photos of other people's children on **social media sites** without the permission of those parents. Many people have valid personal reasons for not wanting their children's pictures to appear on even the school website let alone social media sites. We have the welfare of the children at heart in giving this advice but have no way of enforcing it or monitoring it.



### **Christmas Carol Service**

The Carol Service is for children from classes 3, 4, 5 and 6. Our Reception, class 1 and class 2 children have their Nativity and songs to learn, so the Carol Service, which involves more traditional Carols and Bible readings, is for class 3 upwards. The Carol Service will take place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 2 – 3pm** with readers chosen from each class. The Carol Service will be held as usual in All Saint's Church, Broad Chalke (weather permitting). Parents are welcome to join us.

### **Christmas Party Day – non-school uniform**

Father Christmas will be visiting us on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** and the children will each visit Santa's Grotto and receive a treat. There is no charge for this as this is supported by FOBS. As this is a special day, the children wear their own clothes to school and have party games!

### **Christmas Jumper Day – non-school uniform**

On **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** we have Christmas Jumper Day in aid of CRESS (Christian Relief and Education in South Sudan). It is perfectly ok to decorate an old jumper with tinsel and decorations. The suggested donation is £1. The funds will go directly to Gobor refugee school whose only help has been from a charity collection from Broad Chalke School.

### **Pantomime**

On **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** we also have the Pantomime in school. The Pantomime this year is 'Dick Whittington' and the company we use are very good at involving children in the performance. We are requesting a voluntary contribution of £3.50 per child. We do not request a contribution from the parents of children entitled to the pupil premium. If you have any concerns about the financial contribution then please do speak to me in confidence as FOBS do have a small fund to help and I can make a request to FOBS without giving any names. **Our preferred method of payment and consent is via ParentPay.** Please log on to your ParentPay account, select Pantomime, give consent and pay online – it's as easy as that! However, the office will still accept cash or cheque payment (in a named envelope clearly stating your child's name, class and what the payment is for).

### **Christmas Lunch**

The Pantomime is followed by a delicious Christmas Lunch so don't forget to sign your child up for a hot lunch on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** via ParentPay, Mrs Tribbeck's Christmas Lunch is a very special treat! It will feel very festive with all the children wearing their Christmas jumpers!

### **School Council 10p games**

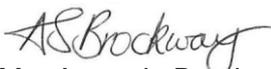
On **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, the School Council are organising some 10p games to raise money for their nominated charity 'Cancer Research UK' so don't forget to send in some 10ps for children to play the games.

### **End of term**

It's back into school uniforms for the last day of term. As part of our celebration assembly, we will have a Christmas sing-a-long. Parents are very welcome to join us as usual at the normal time, just after drop off.

We break up at 1.30pm on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, by which time we'll all be ready for a well-earned break and all looking forward to our own family festivities!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Amanda Brockway  
Headteacher

