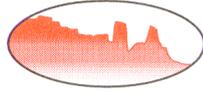


**KIRKBY & GREAT BROUGHTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



NEWSLETTER November 2020

Dear Parents,

Children in Need

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting Children in Need this year.

A fun day was had in school with children wearing an array of spots and Pudsey ears. After playtime we all took part in a Big Bubble Sing-a-long, singing & signing along to 'I can sing a rainbow' within our class 'bubbles'. With your support we raised £ 215.65 for a very deserving charity.

Thank you also for the support received for this year's Poppy Day Appeal. £ 228.17 was raised through donations and the sale of Poppy merchandise.

Outdoor Stage & Performance Area

At the start of this year our School Council met with representatives of the Henry Edmund Trust. The children were asked to consider projects that would enhance their school and benefit the learning and social development of the pupils. The council members canvassed their classmates and produced a wish list for the Trust. Top of the list was an outdoor stage where singing, dance and drama could be encouraged during playtimes.

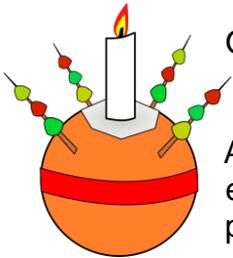
This week the enhancement of our outdoor space has been completed with the addition of a superb performance area. We are very grateful to the Henry Edmund Trust for their generous support and send a huge thank you from all the children.



Christmas 2020

As we move rapidly towards the season of Advent, plans for our Christmas celebrations in school are well under way. This year we are having to adapt our festivities but definitely not putting Christmas 'on hold'.

Regrettably the school Christmas Post Box will have to remain in storage this year but children are very welcome to share greetings cards with their own classmates. A post box will be provided in each classroom from Monday.



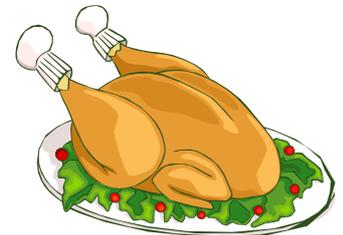
Our KS1 children will mark the beginning of Advent with a Christingle Service on Monday 7th December, held in their school bubble.

As we did for our Harvest celebration, the whole school will work together to explore the Christmas story through a series of interactive and stimulating displays, providing opportunities for reflection and celebration.

The younger children are already preparing to share the Nativity Story through drama, learning their lines ready for their class performances. It is hoped that the performances can be shared with families through our class learning platforms (Seesaw) at the end of term. Our older pupils will also be taking part in a socially distanced Christmas performance, details of which will be shared through your class platform.

As a school we will be supporting Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December. The children can come to school in their festive finest attire and bring a £1 donation for the charity.

Our school Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 16th December. If your child normally has a packed lunch and they would like to have a Christmas lunch please let the school office know via email. Food needs to be ordered in advance so to avoid disappointment please reply **no later than Wednesday 2nd December**. We will presume that if your child normally stays for school dinners that week they will be having the Christmas lunch.



A special Christmas treat will be organised for each class in place of our usual Key Stage parties.

Face Masks



A gentle reminder that we require anyone who is not employed by the school to please wear a face mask when entering the school grounds and collecting children from the afterschool club. You may also want to do this when waiting outside school on an evening. Thank you for your cooperation and support with this.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT SCHOOL HAS YOUR UP TO DATE MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER SO WE CAN KEEP YOU INFORMED – THANK YOU

Car Parking concerns

Please can we bring your attention to recent concerns regarding car parking and use of the layby at the front of school. We appreciate the difficulties faced at drop off and pick up times especially with the sports club carpark being closed at this time and on days of inclement weather however we must insist that cars are not double parked on a morning in the outer lane of the lay by or on the yellow hatch. This guidance is to facilitate a continuous flow of vehicles and ensures minimal disruption to the public road.

For safety reasons access to the school must remain clear at all times.

Please could you circulate this information to relatives and friends who may be transporting pupils on your behalf. Your support with this matter will be most appreciated.

*** The layby is one way so please DO NOT reverse out of the gate entrance at any time.**

* Keep the area with yellow diagonal lines clear at all times for emergency vehicles.

* Do not park on the yellow lines opposite the layby and car park gate.



Fundraise while you do your Christmas shopping

The Friends of Kirkby & Great Broughton have set up an account on the site below to help raise funds for the school. Go to the site www.thegivingmachine.co.uk, find our school using the name below, join and then shop at your favourite places. The Friends will then receive donations for the school.

Friends of Kirkby & Great Broughton News



The Giving Machine™

Raise **FREE** money for...

Kirkby and Great Broughton Church of England Primary School and become a **GIVING HERO!**

Please note the correct account for our school to receive donations via this portal is-
Kirkby and Great Broughton Church of England Primary School

Please do not use any other accounts purporting to be from our school as we will not receive donations.

Thank you & keep on shopping!