



Bradleys Both Community Primary

# FRIDAY NEWS



Dear Children, Parents and Staff,

Friday 18th December 2020

**Happy Christmas Everyone!**

We have had an exciting last week and reached the end of term after what has been a very challenging Autumn term with the Covid restrictions. I am extremely grateful to each and every member of our school community for supporting and following measures put in place to keep us all as safe as possible. The children have approached their return to school with great resilience and continued to approach school life positively throughout the whole term.

We have worked hard to retain as much of our Bradleys Both-isms this term and found alternative ways of working to still hold some of our Christmas festivities. It has felt very strange not having our usual Christmas singalongs though. We all appreciate everyone's continued support and understanding of these changes - there's been a lot going on behind the scenes to make everything work and I am grateful to the whole staff team for their commitment, hard work and goodwill. Thank you everyone.

## **Mrs Hall's Retirement**

Today has not only been the end of term, but also the end of 22 years teaching at Bradleys Both for Mrs Jane Hall who officially retires from her class teaching post at school. Jane began her teaching at school in 1998 as a supply teacher before then becoming a full time class teacher. Over the years Jane has taught many hundreds of children, a couple of staff members and quite possibly children of parents she once taught!

Jane is a hard working member of the Bradleys Both team and has shared her love of teaching and learning with so many over the years. I think it is important to recognise Jane's contributions over the many years she has worked with the Bradleys Both family. She readily volunteers to help and support our school whenever needed. While Jane is retiring from her class teacher role in school, she has agreed to take on supply teaching cover as needed, along with some small group catch up work in the coming year, so happy retirement isn't quite goodbye and farewell!

Thank you for all you have done for our school Jane!

## **Covid after term has ended**

A letter was sent home yesterday with contact details for parents and staff to communicate with school from 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December to enable track and tracing to be carried out should anyone test positive for Covid. **Please email details to [covid@bbschool.co.uk](mailto:covid@bbschool.co.uk) between 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December to report any positive Covid cases.** This email will be checked once each day. The admin and class emails will not be monitored during this time. Thank you for your help and support.

## **Thank you Friends**

The children and staff wish to thank the team of Friends for all their help with booking the virtual pantomime and Elf experience preparing the class bubble Christmas party boxes (Claire), arranging the Secret's Room and Christmas Raffle (Jane) and to Jennie and volunteers for managing the Christmas Post. Thank you everyone for all your hard work.

### **Returning to school in January 2021**

When we return to school in January we will continue to follow our protective measures. These will include **strict** following of our staggered drop off and collection from school times again. Please do make sure your child only arrives at their designated drop off time and is collected at the agreed collection time. We will continue to expect adults to wear face coverings when coming onto the school site and any parents requiring support from the office will need to continue to buzz at the front door.

I think we will all have to remember to continue to take every precaution when returning to school after the two week Christmas holiday period. Our procedures in school will continue with class bubbles remaining together, regular hand washing and social distancing where it is possible.

Thank you in advance for your support when we return to school for the start of 2021.

### **Happy Christmas everyone!**

All I have left to do is to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas. Please take care over the holiday period and we look forward to seeing everyone return to school for the start of the Spring term on **TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**.

With our very best wishes from  
Barry & Everyone at Bradleys Both!

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### **BAGS2SCHOOL FUNDRAISER 28/01/2021**

If you are having a clear out over the school holidays please support this fundraiser by setting aside unwanted clothing and other textile items for the Bag2School collection in January. They collect children and adult clothes which are suitable for re-use (not school uniform), as well as paired shoes, handbags and household linen. Visit the website for a full list of items: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>  
A donation bag will be sent home early next term to be returned on the morning of January 28th.

### **SCHOOL LOTTERY**

Joining in with the school lottery is a great way to support the fundraising for the Friends of Bradley School (PTA). Lottery tickets are £1 a week each, and there is a cash prize winner every week for one of the Bradley school supporters. You also have the chance of winning excellent prizes in the national draws! For details on how to sign up visit:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/bradleys-both-cp-school>

**Congratulations to last week's winner: Mrs Horne!**

### **BELL CLASS**

We have all had a really lovely week in class 1. Earlier in the week, we enjoyed watching a video from an elf who very kindly left us a book each. The pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk yesterday was brilliant. Today, we enjoyed a festive Christmas lunch with hats and music and we said goodbye to our elf Trixie Merrybottom, who leaves for the North Pole this evening to spend Christmas with Santa and her friends. We hope that you have a wonderful Christmas break. Stay safe everyone, and we will see you in January.

### **FRANKLIN CLASS**

We've had a lovely final week of term. We have enjoyed lots of festive activities this week including making Christmas cards and lanterns. We had fun dressing up and acting out the story of The First Christmas, we took some photos so you can see us in our costumes. Yesterday we had a great Christmas party and enjoyed lots of games - thank you to the Friends for creating our party boxes. We were surprised this morning with a video from the North Pole and Santa's elves - following this we had to go on a hunt around school to see if any presents had been left for us. We were lucky enough to find some under a tree - how exciting! We hope everyone has a lovely, restful Christmas.

### EDISON CLASS

It has been an exciting, fun and very noisy week in our class!! We have done all kinds of festive activities, including: a pantomime, a visit from an elf, a Christmas party, card-making, quizzes and much more! We had a super time at our party and were so grateful for the fabulous party box provided by the Friends of Bradleys Both - thank you! Everyone deserves to have a good rest and relaxing Christmas... So I wish you all a safe, enjoyable and peaceful time with your families. See you in the New Year!

### NEWTON CLASS

We've made it to the last day! What a fun week we have had... I hope you like our Christmas cards, very skilful. The party was fabulous; thank you to Friends for the lovely box of goodies, the children thoroughly enjoyed them, especially pass the parcel. We also enjoyed making Christingles and have read different versions of the Christmas story.

Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to everyone! See you in January.

### DARWIN CLASS

Well we've finally made it to the end of term and what a great week we have had. I hope the peppermint creams have been shared and that you enjoy pulling your cracker and reading the message inside the Christmas card.

Our Christmas lunch seemed even more special as we ate in our class where we like to be. Hoping you all have a lovely Christmas...it will be different! Let's wish for a better 2021.

