



BROOKFIELD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



2nd December 2016

The festive season is now upon us and we have a very busy final two weeks. Please keep an extra lookout in your child's book bag for information and invitations.

Reminder about key dates: -

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| 06/12/16 | Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances: 13:30 & 18:00 |
| 07/12/16 | Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances: 09:30
Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance: 13:30 |
| 08/12/16 | Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance: 09:30
Foundation Stage Christmas Performance: 13:30 |
| 09/12/16 | Foundation Stage Christmas Performance: 09:30 |
| 12/12/16 | KS1 Christmas Party - afternoon |
| 14/12/16 | A 'special visitor' for Foundation & KS1
Lower KS2 (Y3 & Y4) Christmas Party - afternoon |
| 15/12/16 | Whole school Christmas dinner
Christmas Jumper day – 50p donation to 'Hallam Help the Child' |
| 16/12/16 | Upper KS2 (Y5 & Y6) Christmas Party – afternoon
Christmas Carol Concert – St Margaret's Church: 10:00am
Foundation stage Christmas Party – afternoon |



School closes for Christmas holiday on **Friday 16th December**
and re-opens on **Tuesday 3rd January 2017.**

Christmas Concerts

The children have been busily rehearsing and are doing a great job learning their lines and songs. We are looking forward to you joining us for our concerts but **please remember to bring your tickets** – if you do not have a ticket we will not be able to let you in.



Refreshments and raffle tickets will be on sale before the performances and all money raised will go towards the Pocket Pantomime performance in January.

Online Payments – Dinner Money

Due to ongoing issues with the online dinner money provider, a decision has been made to cancel the contract: therefore no online payments can be made from Thursday 15th December.



Please ensure your child's dinner money is sent into school every Monday morning in a **named envelope** while the office staff try to source another provider. Thank you for your co-operation.

Ofsted



As you are aware, the academy was inspected by Ofsted in September and a number of recommendations were made. In response to the Ofsted inspection, we are expected to provide a Post Ofsted Action plan stating what we intend to do to ensure ongoing improvement – the plan was submitted at the beginning of November and we have just received confirmation that Ofsted are happy with the proposed actions.

As part of the improvement process the academy is allocated a named HMI (Her Majesties Inspector) who will make regular visits to the academy to review the progress of the plan and comment on the improvements. We anticipate a visit from our named HMI soon and of course will keep you updated on the findings.

The whole staff team is committed to making the changes needed and look forward to working with all parents to ensure your child achieves the best they can.

Defibrillator Training:

We are delighted to announce that Brookfield has been gifted a defibrillator from the Swinton Councillors.

Staff received training from South Yorkshire Ambulance service on 1st December to ensure its safe use. Thank you to the Cllrs of Swinton and South Yorkshire Ambulance service.



Curriculum Themes:

At the moment all children are learning about the Christian festival of Christmas. But next term your child will be learning about:-

- Foundation Stage: 'Winter Wonderland' and 'Chines New Year'
- Key Stage 1: 'How does it Work?'
- Lower Key Stage 2: Year 3 - 'Angry Earth' (Volcanoes and Hurricanes)
Year 4 - 'Amazing Amazon'
- Upper Key Stage 2: Year 5 – 'Poles Apart'
Year 6 – 'Bombs, Battles and Bravery' (WW11)

Why not ask your child about their learning – the more they talk about it, the more they learn. Perhaps you could visit the local library and share stories or facts about their topic.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas** and A Happy New Year!

Mrs J. Mills
Executive Headteacher

Look out for our new re-launch website coming very soon.... www.brookfield-academy.org