

# Brent Knoll Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024



**Dear Parents/Carers:** It was lovely to see all the children returning back to school yesterday. We have lots going on in the classrooms, and a much increased range of after-school clubs to keep everyone busy during the winter months. Information on these clubs will be on Parent Pay. We wish everyone a Happy New Year. Kind regards Chris Burman

We knew our Y6s had performed really well in their SATs last summer, so it was pleasing once again to see the school so high in this year's Somerset comparison table. Clicking on the following link will give details of the results of all the local primary and secondary schools:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools&region=933&geographic=la&>

**Justice** is the value we are focusing on this term, and the subject will be discussed each week in whole-school and class collective worships. Alongside thinking about what Justice means, the children will continue to collect tokens as a way of remembering our core themes of 'respect', 'partnership', 'faith' and 'love of learning'. All of these elements support our vision of 'let your light shine', a biblical reference found in St. Mathew's gospel. An information sheet about Justice has been sent out with this newsletter.

To complete the mid-winter festivities, we are once again taking part in the wassail at Westcroft Cider Farm (Brent Knoll). This year, the wassail takes place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January. If there are children in school who would like to participate in the wassail parade, please let us know as soon as possible.

Each class is starting exciting new topics this term and teachers will be sending out information to let you know what the children will be learning over the next few weeks. Please ask if you have any questions.

With the onset of a new term, good attendance for all remains crucial. If your child does need to be absent for any reason, please ensure the school office is directly informed on every occasion, rather than via emails to the class teachers. The school gates open at 8.45am and registration is at 9am.

Information about next week's road-works that will mean the closure of Brent Street has been sent out in a separate email. In summary, our mornings will not be affected, but more time will be required at the end of the day for pick-up as there will be no access to the A38 after 9.15 am.



Christmas may already seem a distant memory, but our festive fundraising will bring lasting benefit to all the children this year. Overall, with your support, we raised a total of £800. With further fundraising this year and in the hope of accessing grants, we are aiming to buy resources to ensure our teaching of IT is kept up to date. Thanks to all our families for supporting all the pre-Christmas activities - and we hope the hampers we raffled were enjoyed by the winners.