

# parents newsletter



28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,

The Christmas rumour mill is in overdrive as there has been a recent report that an Elf has been spotted in Brantham! This can only mean one thing, the countdown is on. Brooklands will be unleashing its festive spirit and raiding the twinkly cupboard. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be packing in extra sparkle and creating some special memories that will be treasured long after the Christmas decorations are packed away.

In other breaking news we have also received intelligence, straight from the North Pole, that even more elves have been employed this year. There is suggestion of at least twenty elves planning to visit Brooklands. This will certainly mean mayhem. In previous years the elves have caused chaos so be prepared for lots of mischief, from amusing face painting to sneaky texts from Santa, these merry elves are sure to create lots of laughs this December.

Meanwhile, we have also been advised that elves are designing and making toys and gifts for children, looking after the reindeers and keeping the sleigh in good condition in readiness for Christmas Eve. Our youngest children recently posted letters to Santa and his elves are busy helping him to reply to their letters.

Elves, Brooklands is ready for you!

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

### **Smile – It's Time to Wear Your Jumper!**

Whether they are naughty, sparkly, funny or just an old time favourite, dig out those festive Jumpers for Christmas Jumper Day (Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December).

### **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer**

Our eldest children are looking forward to sharing music with their families, playing their recorder or clarinet along to Christmas songs. (See reverse for dates.)

### **Join Us For Story Time**

New Intake families are invited to join us, around our Christmas tree for a Christmas Story session on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (3.45pm – 4.45pm).

### **Sharing At Christmas**

In a Reverse Advent this year, we are asking families to add food items under the Christmas tree. These items will be donated to the Colchester, Foodbank.

### **Christmas Post**

We will be accepting Christmas cards between 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> December for delivery on 20<sup>th</sup> December. Our children love sending cards to their friends and the Christmas post box will be put to the test again.

### **Magical Story Time by Candlelight**

Our children will come together on the last day of term for a very special candlelight story time.

### **There's An Astronaut In Our Tree!**

Christmas trees are popping up all around the school but the star has to be our real tree that takes centre stage. That glorious smell of pine. Amongst the lights you might spot a few surprises too.

### **Sparkle and Shine**

Our children will be joining other children in the Academy Trust when they head off to the Corn Exchange, Ipswich for a fabulous Christmas performance.

### **Fabulous Illuminations**

Finally, a big thank you goes out to all those in our community who have already decorated their homes and gardens. They look wonderful.

### **The Land Of Rhyme Welcomes You**

We will be welcoming our younger children's families in to school to watch their performance of 'Christmas Rhyme'. Santa visits the Land of Rhyme. He gives perfect presents to Humpty Dumpty, Mary Mary, Little Miss Muffet and others. What a clever Santa!

### **December 19th Celebration**

Year 3 to Year 6 children will be celebrating Christmas at St. Michaels Church on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Families are welcome to join us.