

Dear Parents/Carers,

Each year we invite all children to take part in Posada and ask you to host our figurines of Mary & Joseph with the baby Jesus and we wondered if you'd like to take part?

What is Posada?

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib.

Modern day Posada uses small nativity figures of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus who travel from place to place. This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives.

What is involved?

All you need to do is add your name to the Journey Rota (which you will find at the bottom of this letter) for a night to 'host' Mary & Joseph. Another person from our school community will make arrangements to bring the figures to your place at a time to suit both of you. Most of the handovers will be during the week at school however, Saturday and Sunday handovers will need to be arranged by the families and the host family on Christmas Eve will be expected to take care of the figurines over the holiday period.

For the evening you 'host' Mary & Joseph you can choose to do whatever you like. Why not invite friends and family to sing carols and to talk about the meaning of Christmas? We have a special Posada board game included in the pack which should keep the children involved and there is a Posada prayer to share. The next day you need to take Mary & Joseph to the next host on the Journey Rota.

There is an expectation that you will photograph your evening and allow us to share it within the school community via the website. Please send your photographs to:

headteacher@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

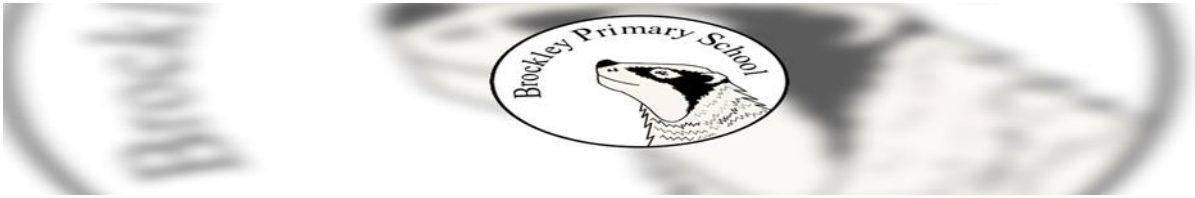
Closing date to be part of this lovely event is Tuesday 28th November at 3pm.

We hope you will enjoy taking part.

Mrs Rodgers

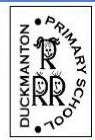


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Our family would like to take part in Posada. We give permission for our address and telephone number to be shared on the rota with the other families taking part. Please complete the details below (these will only be shared with the families taking part in Posada)

Name of Family	Address	Telephone Number	Dates not available	We are happy to handover on Saturday or Sunday



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