

**Brockley Primary School Newsletter**

**12/24**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024**



**A Festive Update for Our Wonderful Parents and Children**

Wow, what another whirlwind of a week - but what a fantastic one it's been! It's been such a joy to see the children taking pride in their performances, work and celebrating their well-earned achievements. As we step into the festive season, we've got so much to look forward to, so make sure to check the diary and mark those dates!

From our Christmas Fayre and nativities to Santa's grotto, Christmas dinner day, party day, trips to Chatsworth and the panto—this half term is brimming with festive excitement. It's going to be a magical and action-packed two weeks.

For many, Christmas is a season of joy, celebration, and togetherness. However, we understand that for some children, this time of year can bring its own challenges. The excitement, changes to routines, and heightened emotions can sometimes trigger behaviours that require extra understanding, empathy, and compassion.

At Brockley Primary, we are committed to creating a safe and supportive environment for every child.

Our dedicated team are here to help children navigate these emotions, offering the care and reassurance they need during this busy and sometimes overwhelming time.

We also want to remind parents that communication is key. If you have any concerns about your child's experience or if something isn't right, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any adult in school. Together, we can ensure that all our children feel safe, valued, and supported, making this festive season as positive and inclusive as possible.

Thank you for working with us to make this a special time for everyone

**Attendance for Autumn Term 2**

School attendance is a legal requirement and with the new Penalty Notice Fine Procedures in place it is vitally important that your child attends school on time daily.

Each week in the newsletter we'll report on the attendance for each class so as a community you can see how well our children attend school.

**The national attendance target for all schools in England is at least 96%**

<b>90% + below</b>	<b>In-between 90% &amp; 96%</b>	<b>96% + above</b>
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<b>Zebra</b>	<b>94.4%</b>
<b>Monkey</b>	<b>96.55%</b>
<b>Giraffe</b>	<b>97.59%</b>
<b>Elephant</b>	<b>95.21%</b>
<b>Lion</b>	<b>99.06%</b>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>96.8%</b>

**Number for reporting absences and for any queries**

01246-823344

**Social Media**

Follow us Facebook: [Facebook](#)

**School website for all policies and information**

[www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

**School email address**

[info@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

**Headteacher's direct email address**

[headteacher@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

**Safeguarding Reports and Queries**

[safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

[Derby Safeguarding Children Partnership \(ddscp.org.uk\)](http://Derby Safeguarding Children Partnership (ddscp.org.uk))

## Decorating the Christmas Trees: A Joyful Start to the Festive Season

This week, the school hall came alive with laughter and excitement as the children helped decorate the Christmas tree. Together, we transformed the space into a festive wonderland, each decoration telling a story of shared joy and community. From carefully hanging glittering baubles to adjusting the twinkling lights, every child played a part in creating something truly special.

Moments like these remind us of the spirit of togetherness that Christmas brings. Watching the children's faces light up as they added their personal touches was a heart-warming reminder of the magic that happens when we come together.

As we continue through this Advent season, let's carry this sense of unity and joy into all that we do.



### A Prayer of Hope for the First Advent Candle

As we lit the first Advent candle, we paused to reflect on the hope that this season brings.

Thank you for the gift of hope, which shines like the flame of this candle in the darkness.

Help us to carry this light in our hearts, bringing kindness, love, and peace to those around us.

May it guide our school family, uniting us in joy and understanding as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

Amen.

Wishing all our families a season filled with hope and happiness!

**Only my best is good enough**

# Elklan Communication Friendly Status!

We are delighted to share the fantastic news that Brockley Primary School has officially been awarded Elklan Communication Friendly Status!

This achievement reflects the dedication and hard work of our incredible EYFS team led by Mrs Elliott. Their commitment to creating an environment that supports children with speech, language, and communication needs (SLCN) is truly making a difference to our children.

We know how much effort has gone into achieving this milestone, and as the Headteacher I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of the team for their unwavering dedication to improving learning and development opportunities for our children.

Congratulations to Mrs Elliott and the EYFS Team - this is a very proud moment for our school!



## Filming During the Christmas Shows

We are happy for you to film or take photographs during the show, but we kindly remind you that:

**Any recordings or photos taken are for personal use only.**

**Sharing recordings or images on social media or other public platforms is strictly prohibited.**

This policy is in place to protect the privacy of all children, especially as some pupils may not have permission to be photographed or filmed due to safeguarding concerns.

Please be aware that if any videos or images of the performance are shared publicly, the school will be required to take appropriate action, which may include requesting their removal and, if necessary, escalating the matter further.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us create a safe and inclusive environment for all children while ensuring this remains a special occasion for everyone.