








1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers, It's been cold and frosty for the past few mornings, which has only added to the stunning view at the rear of the school. Did anyone see the moon this morning at drop-off? It's been another busy week here at Brede Primary. We had four of our children take part in the inter-school cross country finals yesterday and our new librarians have taken over the running of our library – look out for their smart yellow badges. Find out more about both below. I'm sure there was lots of excitement with the first door of advent calendars being opened this morning. We look forward to our own Christmas festivities kicking off next week, and seeing you all at the Christmas Fair on Wednesday 6th December – 2.45pm start. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets! Have a lovely weekend everyone. *Mrs Knock*

	<p><u>Star of the Week</u> Congratulations to our stars of the week: Hedgehogs: Lilly for being a respectful member of the class, always remembering to say please and thank you. Rabbits: Willow for having the confidence to try hard and persevere even when things are tricky. Foxes: Ava for her confidence in gymnastics, inspiring her classmates with her routine. Owls: Jack for confidently approaching his work this week and demonstrating great understanding.</p>
	<p><u>Readers of the Week</u> Congratulations to our readers of the week: Owls: Isla, Jasper, Harry, Oliver, Oscar H, Daisy, Orlagh. Foxes: Elspeth, Tommie, Barnaby, Cali, Albert, Harley, Darcey, Ava. Rabbits: Charlie, Phoenix. Hedgehogs: Henry, Buena, Freya, Isaac.</p> <p>Gaston and Mini-Gaston go to: Rabbits and Foxes. Udi Owl goes to: Owl Class for the amazing leadership of our new librarians this week.</p>
	<p><u>Reading Certificates</u> Stage 1 for reading 25 times goes to: Edward, Willow, Mostyn. Stage 2 for reading 50 times goes to: Finn, Ruby, James, Ava, Darcey.</p>
	<p><u>Inter-school Cross Country Finals.</u> Congratulations to Hollie, Finn, Oliver and Saskia who qualified for the inter-schools cross county finals held at Ark Alexander School in Hastings yesterday. There was outstanding effort and great results for everyone. Well Done Team Brede!</p>
	<p><u>Our Librarians Swim Into Action</u> Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 children who became the first ever librarians of our new school library. They've been busy stamping, sorting and colour coding our new books in preparation for its official opening after Christmas. They have lots of storytelling and book related activities planned for all the children over the next few months, which sounds perfect for those cold and windy lunchtimes.</p>

	<p><u>The PTFA Christmas Raffle</u></p> <p>Christmas Fair Raffle Tickets Are Now On sale. There are over 30 great prizes to be won, including a first prize of £200 cash, family day out passes, restaurant and treatment vouchers, food and beauty product hampers. Tickets are £2 and available on the playground at pick-up or from the main school office. All proceeds go towards supporting Brede Primary School projects and subsidising the travel costs of trips for our parents.</p>																					
	<p><u>Cost of Living Support for Families</u></p> <p>The current rising cost of living is affecting everybody in different ways and we want to support those most affected. We can sign post you to a number of different support mechanisms from financial to food, education to employment. Further information is available from: https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living-support</p>																					
	<p>As winter illnesses circulate, NHS England has published advice on their website. It lists all the most common childhood illnesses and their recommendation regarding attendance at school, including when to contact your GP. NHS England: Is my child too ill for school?</p>																					
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