



Brede Bulletin

15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers, We have come to the end of a fun and festive week. This is one of my favourite times of year to be a headteacher, from the nativity to the Starlight Singalong, to our oldest children showing such kindness and care to the youngest children in our school. Thank you to everyone who can along to our events this week, and for remembering what was happening and what outfits the children needed to wear on each day – no small feat! A huge thank you for all of your generous gifts from me and the staff. Have a lovely Christmas break, everyone, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year. *Mrs Knock*

A Message from Anne Hanney, Chair of Governors.

The Governors of Brede Primary School would like to wish all of our children and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Hedgehogs: Odin for being extremely responsible this week and following instructions.

Rabbits: Lola for persevering with things she finds difficult and her determination to succeed.

Foxes: Dexter for his growing confidence and conscientious attitude.

Owls: Oscar H for blossoming in confidence this week, reading a poem at our Starlight Carols and writing an excellent non-chronological report in English.



Champion Class Readers of Term 2

Our end of term Champion Class winners are: Rabbits and Owls.



Starlight Carol Singalong







Thank you to everyone who came along to our annual Starlight Carol Singalong on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see our school and Brede communities come together and for the worst of the rain to hold off. As always, the children rose to the occasion, leading the singing and surprising everyone with their BSL signed ensemble. We ended the day with a very welcome hot chocolate with mince pies and cookies. all thanks to the wonderful Brede PTFA!



The Nativity

On Tuesday we went on a Magical Christmas Journey with Hedgehog and Rabbit Classes. They recreated a beautiful story about why we put a star on top of our Christmas tree. There was singing and acting and excellent narration from our older children, ensuring every performance went with a twinkly bang. Thank you to all the parents and families who came along to support the children, and a big thank you to the teachers and support staff who made it happen. Well done, everyone!



	<p><u>St Michaels's CE Primary Playden.</u> Mrs Knock is stepping down as Executive Headteacher of St Micheal's Playden at the end of this term. The governors of Brede Primary have kindly agreed to continue to second Mrs Bulgin full-time to the school from January 2024. As a consequence, Mrs Knock is stepping into the SENCO role and Mrs Burrows will be acting as interim deputy headteacher, alongside teaching Hedgehogs Class.</p>												
	<p><u>Last Chance to have your say - The Big Ambition Survey.</u> The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has asked us to alert you to the launch of The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England. The Big Ambition wants to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. For more information click here. The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December and can be accessed here.</p>												
	<p><u>Cost of Living Support for Families</u> 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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	<p><u>Safeguarding</u> If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, please speak to any of the staff below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Burrows – Designated Safeguarding Lead • Mrs Bulgin / Mrs Knock - Deputy DSLs 												