



The Buzz

18th December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Wow, what a wonderful Christmassy week we have had! All around school we have had Rudolph jumpers, Santa hats, sparkle, glitter, holly, elves, and Christmas stockings, to name but a few. The children have taken part in many Christmas activities, including a fun Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, which was full of merriment.



I am very pleased to report that **Ainslie class have saved Christmas**. As you know, Rudolph had been a bit naughty and escaped, but luckily Ainslie class found him on the recreation ground in Brighstone and told him that he needs to go back to the North Pole. At first he shook his head, which was a bit cheeky, but after they had sang 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer' to him, it cheered him up and he made his way back to Santa in plenty of time for Christmas. Well done, Ainslie class!

Every year **Santa** always takes time out of his busy schedule to visit us here in Brighstone, and today he made a flying visit to deliver some presents for the children. Due to Covid restrictions, he wasn't able to come into school, but he asked me to pass on his presents to the children, which I gladly did. He also created a very special personal message to each class, which the children watched today. Thank you, Santa (and the BSA!)

We are very proud to present our very own film "**Nativity: The Lockdown**" that we have shared on the school website—we hope you enjoy watching it. I would like to thank all the children and staff who have been working extremely hard to put it all together; I would especially like to thank Mrs Sharp for writing the script, Mr Stroud for helping with sound enhancement for some of the songs, Mrs Feltham for uploading it to the website, and Mr Goldsmith and Mrs Aram for editing and putting it all together, which took a lot of dedication and many hours!

The depth of compassion and generosity from all the families and staff here at Brighstone always warms my heart. This half term alone we have raised an astonishing **£721.50 for different charities**, including Children in Need, the Poppy Appeal, IW Radio Toy Appeal, IW Zoo and Place2Be. However, our compassion and generosity doesn't just stop at monetary values—the children have also donated food for the IW Foodbank at Harvest time, boxes and boxes of fruit and vegetables to the IW Zoo, supported Natasha Lambert on her Atlantic voyage, and created over 200 cards, pictures and Hearts for Homes messages for local residents in the village community and Brighstone Grange Care Home. We have had some lovely messages in return, and we hope to have many more opportunities to build the links and spread the cheer!

On the subject of generosity, I would like to extend a huge thank you to the **BSA** who have tirelessly supported the school through organising fundraising events and fun experiences for the children. Thank you.

I hope you all have a **safe, fun and enjoyable Christmas and New Year**, and we look forward to seeing you once again on Monday 4th January 2021.

With very best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

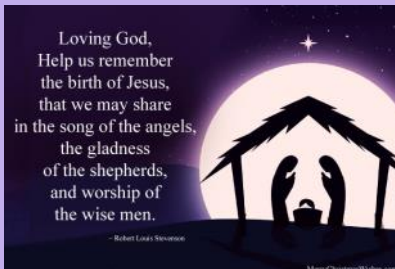


Compassion

This week's Collective
Worship focus is: The Nativity

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John 1:14



Loving God,
Help us remember
the birth of Jesus,
that we may share
in the song of the angels,
the gladness
of the shepherds,
and worship of
the wise men.

Robert Lewis Stevenson

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See you on Monday 4th
January 2021

SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health

Wellbeing Window

Did you show kindness to yourself and others last week?



This week's task is:

Daily Gratitude

Over this festive season take time daily to think about the things you are grateful for. Think of three things each day that has made your day, warmed your heart or just made you lift up the corners of your mouth into a smile. It is thought that practising daily gratitude consistently can improve your mental wellbeing. E.g. "That first cup of tea", "A winter walk with the family", "The sun shining on a cold day".

We raised a wonderful **£150** for the Isle of Wight Toy appeal. This will allow the organisers to buy specific gifts for older Disadvantaged children

More info: <https://www.iwradio.co.uk/isle-of-wight-radio-toy-appeal-2020/>

The lucky winner of the family ticket to The Isle of Wight Steam Railway is **Toby W**

Last day of this half-term is **Friday 18th December**
Back to school on Monday **4th January 2021**

Words are momentous, intent is monumental
- Matthew McConaughey

News from the classrooms

Clover Class

For their DT topic, Y6 designed and sewed a Christmas Stocking for someone special to them. I know you'll agree that they look amazing!

Brightstone Primary School's
Nativity 2020 - The Lockdown

Nativity 2020—The Lockdown

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Brightstone Primary School are very proud to present our Christmas Nativity 2020—The Lockdown!

Click on the link below to watch and enjoy!

<https://www.brightstoneprimary.org.uk/>

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Doodle Maths

Well done to Macarthur Class who are the top Doodlers this week!

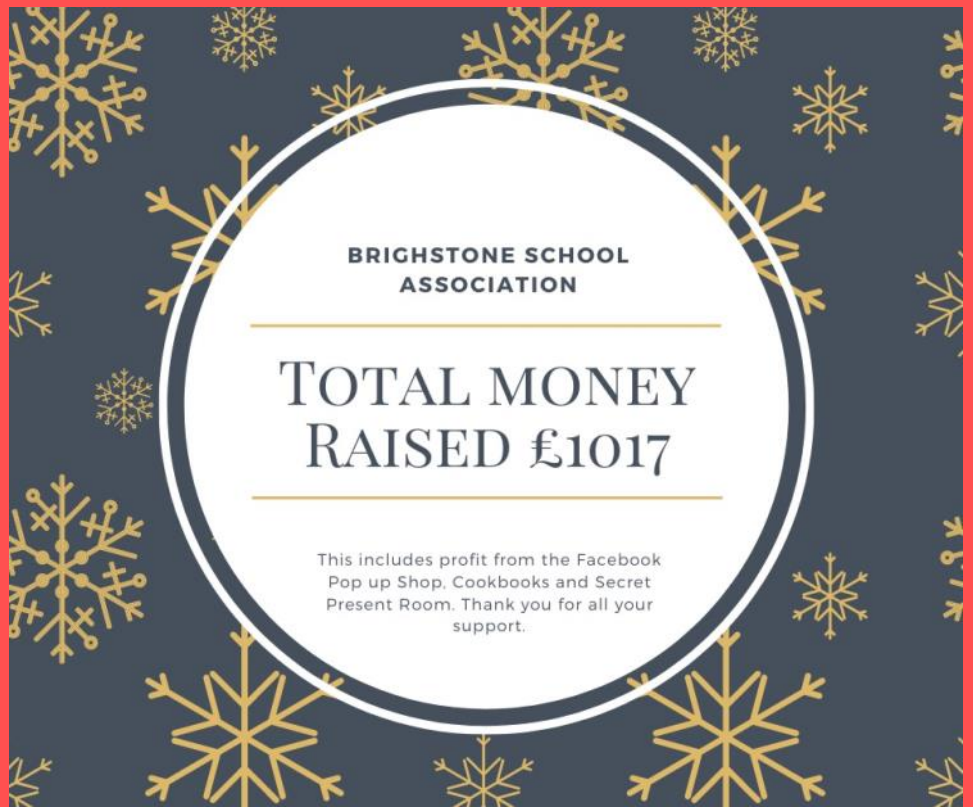


The wonderful Brighstone School Association (BSA), a group of very talented parents and staff, have been working tirelessly over the last few months to ensure that the children do not miss out on key events this Christmas because of COVID restrictions:

- They have been in close contact with Father Christmas to make sure the children get their gifts from him (on behalf of the BSA) this year.
- They wrapped and labelled hundreds of presents so that children could give gifts to their loved ones instead of the usual "Secret Room".
- They had a "virtual shop" this year selling beautiful handmade gifts.
- They published their very own cook book filled with recipes from children, staff, family and community members.
- They organised a Christmas tree delivery for the hall so that the children can enjoy it when they have PE and school dinners.
- They have raised a superb amount of money in doing all of the above.

Money raised goes towards resources for the school and keeping the cost of school trips down for parents. We wouldn't be able to do any of the above things that children and parents alike have enjoyed so much without the support of our wonderful BSA members.

Thank you so much BSA!!!!



Safeguarding

At Brighstone Primary School, keeping children safe remains one of our top priorities.

Even over the Christmas break we remain absolutely committed to keeping children safe. If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of children, we are still here for you so please do not hesitate to contact us:

Email our safeguarding team on: safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

If there is an emergency and you believe a child is in immediate danger, you must call **999**.

If your concern is urgent, please contact the Hampshire MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) line on: 0300 3000 117 childrens.services@hants.gov.uk

Out of hours contact telephone number for Children's Services Phone 0300 555 1373

If you are unsure about anything to do with a child's safety you can call the NSPCC Advice Line on [0808 800 5002](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/0808-800-5002)

School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' free school meal everyday.

Children in years 3-6 are charged at £2.15 per day.

4.1.21	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Sausages	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Chicken	Chicken Curry	Fish Fingers&Chips
Option 2	Veggie Sausages	Soya Spag Bol	Veg Wellington	Pastry Whirl	Cheese Frittata
Dessert	Shortbread	Sponge & Custard	Cheese & Crackers	Pineapple Cake	Choc Cookie

If children from Years 1-6 do not like what is on the menu, they can ask for a jacket potato with either beans, cheese, beans and cheese or tuna mayo. Fresh salad and fruit is offered everyday alongside the daily options.



Reduce Reuse Recycle Wight this Christmas

Waste, Recycling and Garden subscription collections

Recycling, waste and garden collections will change over Christmas and New Year. See the table for changes to collections. Excess polystyrene will be collected in clear or white sacks on general waste day between 19 December and 8 January. Remember, excess recycling will always be taken on your recycling week!

Real tree Christmas collections

If you have a garden waste subscription, we will collect your real Christmas tree between 6 and 14 January with your garden waste on your garden waste collection day. Trees must be free of all decorations and pots.

Recycling centres

Lymbottom Recycling Centre will be closed on Christmas Day ONLY. All other opening times are as normal.

Bulky waste collections

Bulky waste collections not available on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

Festive and New Year Collection Schedule 2020-21

Waste/Recycling and Garden collections

Normally collected:	Will be collected on:
Monday 21 December	Saturday 19 December
Tuesday 22 December	Monday 21 December
Wednesday 23 December	Tuesday 22 December
Thursday 24 December	Wednesday 23 December
Friday 25 December (Christmas Day)	Thursday 24 December
Monday 28 December	Unchanged
Tuesday 29 December	Unchanged
Wednesday 30 December	Unchanged
Thursday 31 December	Unchanged
Friday 1 January 2021 (New Year's Day)	Saturday 2 January 2021

The Isle of Wight recycles



Merry Christmas Everyone!

