

# Broke Hall Primary School



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## Message from Mrs. Fairs:

With less than three days to go until the Christmas holidays, the children have been working hard to demonstrate their learning so far with their termly assessments and deserve a big “well done”.

As a community, we also deserve congratulations and a huge thank you for your generous donations to the RSPCA and Lighthouse appeals. The goodies have now been delivered to the charities and will be put to good use very shortly.

We are sad to announce that Mr Hill, who has been a part of Broke Hall for so long, is retiring at Christmas. Please join me in thanking him for his many years of service to teaching and especially to our school, and in wishing him a long, full and happy retirement. Mrs Wheatley will be joining us for one day per week from January and Miss White and Mrs Gluchowska will be joining our Learning Support team. In other staffing news, that we can let you know Mrs. Stebbings gave birth to a son earlier this half term and Mrs. Duncan welcomed a daughter just a few days before. Both babies and mums are thriving and we send them our very best wishes.

The whole school has been turned blue for the day, as we send all out support to the Tractor Boys before facing rivals Norwich City in tomorrow’s local derby. With ITFC’s recent form, we can look forward to a great game, which I am sure will be the talk of the playground on Monday. “Come on the Town!”

Mrs. Fairs



## Broke Hall Christmas Market

We were delighted to see so many of you supporting our Christmas Market this year. The children enjoyed producing their items for sale and the games went down very well. For the first time this year, we trialled pre-payment cards for games and refreshments, which reduced the need for you to have lots of change and hope that next year, even more of you will take up this option as it worked so well. Incredibly, we raised around £1500 during the hour-long market and these much-needed funds will go towards special experiences, trip subsidies and other things that precious school budgets cannot stretch to. Thank you for your support.

## Online Safety

Roblox is one of the most popular games out there for children and, with Christmas just around the corner, it is likely that children will be spending more time online. [This link](#) takes you to a useful resource to raise parental awareness of Roblox and how it works so that you can support your child online.

### Year Four are going wild

The weather outside may be frightful, as the song goes, but that isn't stopping our Year Four children from making our school more wildlife friendly. They have begun a year-long project with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust as part of their "Wilder Schools" campaign. We are so fortunate



to have extensive grounds and we are looking forward to sharing some of the space with more plant, animal and insect friends. This, along with the Eco-council's efforts to encourage us to cut our carbon, the school allotment and the Junior Road Safety Officers' aim to get people travelling more sustainably, we are helping to develop more environmentally conscious citizens. All of this ties in to the Unicef Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 24 – which refers to a safe environment in which to live.



### Christmas performances

Well done to Year Six who represented the school so wonderfully well and the annual Copleston Carol Concert, hosted by our local high school with contributions from all the nearby primary schools. The event is always eagerly anticipated and this year our offering did not disappoint.



The School Choir are in fine voice and have performed at St. Augustine's church hall, the Salvation Army Citadel on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December and at the Christmas Market. A big thank you to Mrs Waldock and Mrs Johnson for giving up their time each week to run the choir and for their commitment to attending weekend performances with the children.

EYFS, Year 1, 2 and 3 have each had their own performance pieces to share with you and we hope those of you who attended have enjoyed them – we know the children did.

### Traffic Safety

We would remind parents that the roads around the school are very busy at drop off and pick up times and would urge all drivers to keep their speed to 20mph and to be aware of pedestrians when opening car doors. We have had some concerning reports about driver behaviour and want to ensure that our children have a safe journey to school. It hardly seems to get light at this time of year so make sure your child is dressed in something bright and or reflective/high viz. We have passed on our parking concerns to East Suffolk Council Parking Services, who have informed us that they will look to arrange a patrol of our location. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Lost Property

Any lost property that we have in school will be outside the main entrance (weather permitting) at the end of the day on Monday and before the start of the day on Tuesday. Please come and claim anything that may belong to your child.

### Term dates for your diary

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day in school – wear a festive jumper
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Christmas Holiday: Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec to Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>First day of Spring term for children</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Philosophy Day in school
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February Half term	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Reading Cafes
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Drama and Poetry Week
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of term