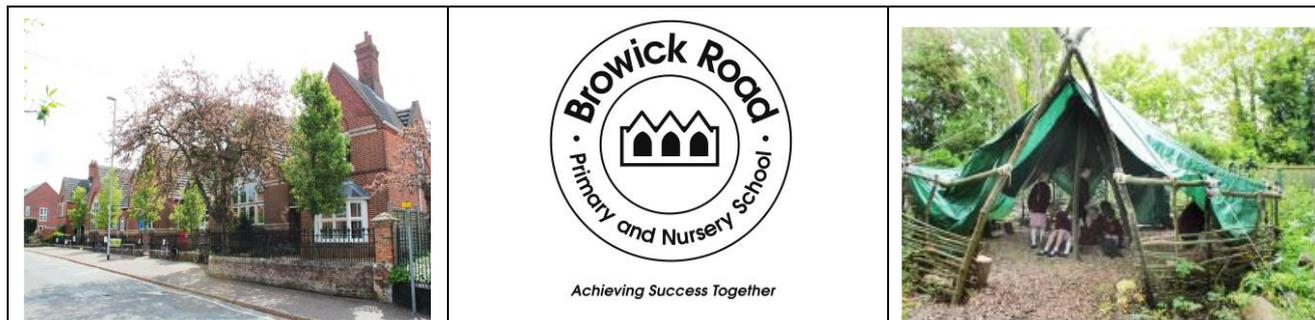


# Browick Road Primary and Nursery School



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Dear Parents and Carers

## End of Term Covid-19 Update

I would like to update you on a number of items at the end of what has been a challenging, but rewarding term. I wrote to you last week informing you that the school would remain open on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and that I would be setting up an email for parents to alert me to any positive covid cases at the start of the holidays. I now have the email address which is: [covid19@browickroad.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@browickroad.norfolk.sch.uk) a member of the Senior Leadership Team will check the mailbox at 10:00 and 17:00 daily until 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020. After that time, Track and Trace through the usual channels will kick in as the children will have been out of school for over 48 hours.

As there have been no changes to the alert status for Norfolk, we will continue with all our Covid-19 safety measures when we return to school in January 2021. To help us understand whether our measures have been effective this term, please can you complete this short questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=XCcXYkfuUSwYYeW9U279rldB WIBxVOu8VTVKgwkgqIUMDM0VThXTVVDUDFBWFhJU0E5M0w3TIRHQS4u>

## Curriculum

I wrote to you in one of my newsletters about how well the children had settled back into school and how pleased we are with their learning behaviours. They have adapted to the changes around the school routines and learning with ease. Nursery and Reception have begun their learning journey at Browick well and are enjoying all aspects of the EYFS

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Curriculum. Our children in the LDC have also settled well and made progress in their learning. At the end of this term we have been assessing how well the children have been learning and I am delighted with the results. Of our Year 2 pupils who have just had to take their phonics screening 73% of the children passed the test; this is compared to 50% who were still on track after the lockdown. Most of the children who did not pass were very close to doing so! In Year 1 we have had great phonics success as well; in September after lockdown, no children were on track with their phonics compared to previous years. Now over 70% are expected to pass the screening in June and I'm sure that we will continue to see this percentage rise! Years 3-6 have all completed tests which have been compared to over 36,000 pupils of the same age nationally. Reading has again become a strength of the school with all year groups performing better than schools across the country. Reasoning in maths has also been shown as a strength. Our external associate was delighted with the school's performance in Year 6. We have also seen improvement in the children's written work, which as you know, was an area that we wanted to work on. I have enjoyed children proudly reading their written work to me on many occasions this half term!

## Writing Competition

Reception to Year 6 Class teachers will be sending home three items this holiday:

- A Year\* Writer can... (information sheet)
- Your child's writing book or sample pages – so that you can see some of the work that he/she has been doing (please look after the books!)
- The class writing competition

I would like to encourage you to help your child complete the writing activity at some point during the Christmas holiday. This, along with your child's book, should be returned on the first day of term. We will be awarding prizes to children for their hard work including house points, treats and special games and book tokens which were donated to the school by Wymondham Town Council.

## Wymondham Abbey Crib Service

Christmas will feel different this year. We've been working to bring the crib service to your living rooms!

The children of Wymondham Abbey have recorded a really special virtual crib service. **Join us on Christmas Eve at 5pm on the Wymondham Abbey facebook page or website [www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk](http://www.wymondhamabbey.org.uk)**

Tune in, get comfy and enjoy the Christmas vibe.

There are carols, the Christmas story and even a message from the miniature donkeys. Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas - for you and your loved ones - especially thinking of those you can't be with this year.

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## WYMONDHAM ABBEY GROUNDS ARE WAITING FOR YOU

Come and enjoy the beautiful Wymondham Abbey grounds. Enjoy the peaceful surroundings and take time to explore nature.

Bring your parents, brothers, sisters and dogs!

Spot the nativity scenes in the windows, can you find the Wymondham festive trail gnome?

Walk the advent spirals, tie leaves/strings to the prayer trees to leave a Christmas wish. Take time to think of those you can't be with and your hopes for next year.

## Well Done!

Well done to Mrs Humphries who won the £50 Morrison's voucher in our Pupil Premium Form draw. Also well done to **Felbrigg** who won the House Points Cup this term.

## Thank you

I'm sure that you would like to join me in thanking all the staff at the school for making this term a successful one:

- The teachers for working doubly hard providing both home and school learning; concentrating on the basics whilst still providing fun and exciting activities
- The teaching assistants for supporting all our children and teachers as well as taking on cleaning duties and making sure that we stay safe and well
- The office staff for communicating with you all and keeping the school running smoothly
- The cooks and MSAs for ensuring that the children are well fed and kept safe at lunchtimes
- The cleaning team for keeping the school "sterile" and clean so that all who are within it stay safe and well
- The governors for providing support and challenge to ensure that the school is safe, well-being is good and that we continue to provide an outstanding curriculum

I would like to pass on my personal thanks to you and the children for adapting so well to all the changes that we have had to make this term; for your ongoing support of the school and for having faith in our measures to keep your children safe and happy.

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

From all the staff, governors and children, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep safe and well and here's hoping for a marvellous 2021!

## Season's Greetings,

Pauline McMullan