

# CELEBRATING

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world" (Nelson Mandela)

## Head Teacher Message

This is one of my favourite times of the year. With the end of the Autumn term around the corner, Christmas fast approaching, and my birthday at the start of December. With the safe arrival of Eva Eden Armitage on November 30th it is most definitely a time for celebrating!

So much has been achieved this term by the hard working pupils, staff and parents that make up the Brady community. It was lovely to show potential new parents and pupils to the school in 2016 around on the Open evening. Comments like, "I really hope my child is successful in gaining a place at Brady." and "This is the best school we have visited so far, there is a lovely feel about Brady." makes me incredibly proud. This doesn't happen overnight, but requires hard work, perseverance and commitment. With over 120 families putting Brady down as 1st choice this year, for 30 spaces, Brady is a school to be proud of.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely time of celebration over Christmas.

*Jon Bishop*

November was an action packed month, which included a wide variety of extra curricular activities. We recognised the **Anti-bullying week** with workshops and assemblies on the theme the 'Power of One'. Pupils were encouraged to reflect on individual and corporate responsibility ensuring that Brady continues to be a safe and secure environment and all are included. The **Christmas Shopping Event** organised by the Friends of Brady was a particular highlight with over £600 raised for school funds. Thank you to all involved and for supporting the event. We also managed to raise over £100 for the **school farm** at the after school fundraiser. It is exciting to see this project develop and hopefully new animals arrive over the course of the year. Please remember to see Mrs Thompson if you wish to purchase any eggs from the chickens before school. Pupils in Year 5 enjoyed a trip to the **STEM Centre** where they became forensic scientists and extended their science understanding for the day. I know the Reception, Year 1 and 2 pupils are excited about their upcoming out of school visits in December! A particular highlight in any term for me is when I have the opportunity to spend time in classes and explore pupils learning. Ranging from the many **BRICS** (Brady's Reception and Infant Creative Sessions) themed activities (fireworks, games, Christmas), to the descriptive writing using onomatopoeia and personification in Year 6, pupils at Brady are well catered for. Taking a look at the diary of events for December, I am confident that with this broad and balanced curriculum your child is provided with, it is enabling pupils to achieve their best.



## DATES for DECEMBER

### BRICS - Winter/Christmas theme

- Friday 4th

### Key Stage2 Carol Concert

- Monday 7th (1.45pm and 6pm)

### Year 1 / 2 Trip to Queens Theatre

- Tuesday 8th

### Reception trip to South Weald (STICK MAN TRAIL)

- Wednesday 9th

### RECEPTION and Key Stage 1 Nativity

- Monday 14th (10am)
- Tuesday 15th (2pm)

### KS1 and Reception party

- Wednesday 16th

### Christmas Meal for pupils

(order tickets by 14th Dec)

- Thursday 17th

### Key Stage 2 film treat

- Thursday 17th

### SCHOOL CLOSSES EARLY

- Friday 18th (2pm)

**REMINDER:** Staff Inset Monday 4th January, pupils start back to school Tuesday 5th January.

## OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct winter uniform at school and that they bring plain black/navy/grey tracksuits for PE outside.

**REMINDER:** To order dinner tickets (Junior children not entitled to Free School Meals) you need to telephone 01708 433119 (9-5pm Mon-Fri) The tickets will then be issued next day by the office (sent home via your child - please check their book bags).

## NEWS in brief...

### MIDDLE LEADERSHIP TEAM

*SENCO, Maths, and Literacy*

I am very excited in introducing our new Middle Leadership Team, appointed just after half term. This is an exciting development for the school as we are now able to monitor and ensure the highest of standards in core curriculum and priority areas. Being a small school, some of the staff members have doubled up on the Senior and Middle leadership teams to ensure all areas are accounted for.



SENCO - Mrs Zaayman // Maths - Mr Armitage // Literacy - Mrs Askew

### Parents Evening feedback

Thank you for your comments following this terms parents evening. As you are aware by now, assessment is changing and levels have been replaced by Age Related Expectations. With this in mind we put the date of the Autumn Term parents evening later in the term to provide you with as much informative assessment advice and feedback as possible. This ensures you are aware of the objectives and where your child is in relation to these.

