



Christmas is often a time for reflection, and as we prepare for another pantomime, I can't help but think back to all the ones from previous years. Every single one has been great, with the children all working together to put on a great show. This year will be my final pantomime, as I have made the decision to leave Braddan at the end of the Summer Term (so I will still be around for a while!)

PANTOMIME PERFORMANCES years 2 – 6 Robin Hood

Please be aware that the car park will be especially busy on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons (13th and 14th) due to the pantomime performances. You may wish to consider parking a short distance from school and walking up. We will extend the collection period from 3.30 – 3.50pm, and would ask that parents do not linger in the playground with their children on these days. For the afternoon performances, doors will open at 1.30pm. Performances will start promptly at 2pm, and we ask the audience to be seated by 1.55pm at the very latest.



The evening performance on Wednesday 14th starts at 7pm. We ask that pupils are in school **NO LATER** than 6.45pm. School will be open from 6pm should you wish to drop pupils off early. **If for some reason your child is not able to attend the evening performance then you must let their child's class teacher know asap.**

When collecting pupils after the evening performance, please be patient. Pupils are not allowed to leave without permission from their class teacher. They need to be collected from their classroom. The car park will again be very busy, and we ask that you take particular care, keeping children with you at all times. Pupils are to be collected by 8.15pm.

We do allow you to take photographs of the Pantomime, but ask that you respect other members of the audience and do not impede their view. Any photographs or film that show any pupils other than your own **MUST NOT** be shared on social media, or uploaded onto the internet.

As well as selling raffle tickets at each performance, we will also be collecting after the show to help boost school funds – so please bring along any spare change you are able to give – this would really be appreciated.

Finally, I would remind you that we request that younger siblings / babies are not brought to the performances wherever possible. We are very limited for space. The children themselves have commented on how this can distract them – and they are all looking forward to their moment to shine after all their hard work. If you have no alternative, then any children in your care causing a distraction must be removed from the hall.



Reception and Year One Nativity

This will be taking place on Tuesday 20th December at 11am at School.

As I'm sure most of you are aware, Mrs Brookman is currently absent, but hoping to return soon! Thank you for your patience. Requests for Pantomime and Nativity tickets will be processed as soon as possible upon her return.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

These will be taking place in the last week of term as follows;

19th December - years rec, 1 and 2

20th December - years reception, 3 and 4

21st December - years 5 and 6

Pupils can wear their party clothes on the day.



Whole School Church Service

On Friday 16th December the whole school will walk to Kirk Braddan for an assembly and singing. I would ask that your child is suitably dressed for the weather on that day – with a warm waterproof coat and suitable footwear.

This is always a lovely event, where pupils of all faiths or non can join together and celebrate being part of the Braddan family at this most special time of the year.



We are aware that is our disco afternoon on the same day. Your child can wear their disco clothes to church, however it may be better (depending on what they are wearing) to bring clothes to change into – especially footwear).



If you have a child who will be four by the start of September 2020, you need to register them for school as soon as possible. If you already have older siblings who will be at the school in September – please do not assume that we know the exact age of your younger children – you must register them at the office!

If you have friends or relations with children who will also be four by the start of September, and who live in our catchment area, please remind them to register as soon as possible too.

Parents and Visitors to school



We would like to remind everyone that if you need to come into school for any reason, then you must go to the front office, via the main entrance. A recent review of our access arrangements to school with our Governors has identified that some parents and visitors are walking into and around school, without first registering at the office. Even if you just need to 'pop in,' please go via the office.

Thank you

In case of snow in the coming months – please remember to tune in to Manx Radio for updates regarding school closures. Decisions are taken on wider island conditions, and the viability of road travel.

Our 'Welly Winter' initiative is proving very popular, and it is great to see children enjoying the space and freedom that the school field offers – in all seasons! Don't forget to make sure your child has a nice warm coat and hat for breaktimes, and wellies if they also want to use the field.



No one likes to be ill, but we are seeing quite a lot of children with coughs, colds and some sickness at present. Whilst these are often just the 'usual' winter illnesses, it is worth remembering that they can still make children too poorly to be in school. IOM public health have also published guidance for parents regarding Strep-A infection. We appreciate that you may sometimes need to take time out of work to look after your child if they are ill, but it really is better for them to be well rested and fit to return, rather than to pass any germs on to others.

As well as these, we must remember that COVID is still very much present in the community, and we still encourage good hygiene and handwashing, which we would appreciate being reinforced at home.

Dates for your Diary

date	Year groups	Event
9.12.22	Year 6	Venture Centre deposit due
13.12.22	Years 2-6	Pantomime Performance 2pm
14.12.22	Year 2-6	Pantomime Performance 2pm Pantomime Performance 7pm
15.12.22	Whole School	Christmas Lunch
16.12.22	Whole School	Visit to Braddan Church
16.12.22	Whole School	Disco Afternoon - £2.50
19.12.22	Years 5+6	Christmas Party Afternoon (<i>includes a visit to Santa!</i>)
20.12.22	Years Rec and 1	Rec and Year 1 Nativity Assembly 11am
20.12.20	Years 3+4	Christmas Party Afternoon
21.12.20	Years 1 / 2 / rec	Christmas Party Afternoon
22.12.22	Whole School	Break Up for Christmas
9.1.23	Whole School	Start of the Spring Term

*I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a
Happy and Peaceful Christmas.
I hope you have time to spend with family and friends, and
think of others who may not be as lucky, including
families living through war in Ukraine.
I would like to also thank all the staff of Braddan School,
who work hard every day to do the very best for your
children.*

