## **BROOK BILLBOARD**

<u>Term Dates 2023 – 2024</u> Autumn Term 2

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023





Dear Parents and Carers

It's hard to believe that we have come to the end of our first term of this academic year already, and it is true to say that it has proved to be an OUTSTANDING one.

We have been enjoying some fabulous Christmas events over the last fortnight and our children have coped remarkably well with the changes to their routine. The Christmas Fayre was a wonderful event and we were so grateful to you all for your generous support. We raised over £900 and have split the money equally between a local homeless and Food shelter Charity, Childline and our own Brook charity. The items for sale demonstrated how creative and talented our children and staff are. We are very proud that our school has been able to support community charity events as we want to encourage all of our children to be active citizens.

On Tuesday we held our Carols by Candlelight inclusive event where both Willow and Brook gathered together to be reminded of the Nativity story and to enjoy Christmas foods and a singalong. On Wednesday Fernanda and her kitchen staff surpassed themselves by providing a wonderful lunch for all of our children and, again, it was a fully inclusive event. The hall looked resplendent with its poinsettia tablecloths, crackers and fairy lights threaded across the ceiling and the background Christmas music created just the right atmosphere. Father Christmas also came a-visiting and every child in the school will come home this term with a small gift and a book.

I am sure you will join me in thanking our dedicated staff for the education, care, nurture and routine that they provide your children with every day. Indeed, teachers, SNAs and SMSAs are for life – not just for Christmas.

However you spend your Christmas break, may you enjoy spending time with your loved ones and we hope that 2024 is a happy and prosperous year for you. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school **on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**, 2024.

Season's Greetings from Maureen and the Brook Staff.







The Brook Special Primary School had their annual Christmas Fayre on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Children and staff over the weeks created some amazing and wonderful crafts to sell to parents and invited guests, to raise money for our chosen charities Child Line and UCKG Church and of course The Brook Charity.

At the end of a busy afternoon the amount raised was an amazing £900. We were so delighted to be able to give £300 to each charity. Above are representatives from UCKG being presented with their cheque. UCKG provide a food bank for local residents and walk the streets at night to support the homeless in Haringey

