

BROWN'S BULLETIN

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Shoe Box Appeal

Due to lockdown restrictions we had to move the date of the Shoe Box appeal to **Wednesday 9th December**. Originally started by North West Rotary clubs in 1994, the *Rotary Shoebox Scheme* provides disadvantaged children in orphanages, homes, and hospitals from Central & Eastern Europe with Christmas gifts. Presents are sent to children in Romania, Belarus, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, and Albania. Donations of any gifts are greatly appreciated and we are grateful for the success we've had with this project over the last few years. Further guidance & information on gifts has been attached to the newsletter email.

Brown's Bonus Afternoon

Due to the extraordinary response and effort shown from all of our students in light of COVID restrictions and a generally unusual term, we have decided to top up the remaining few students who haven't reached the Brown's Bonus target, for everybody to have a celebratory afternoon. Due to the celebration and COVID restrictions we will run the Brown's Bonus differently. All classes will be off timetable on **Thursday afternoon (10th December)** and will spend time in their form rooms with their tutors. During the afternoon they will have the traditional pizzas but also play games or watch a film together as a 'well done' for a fantastic term. As the pizza will be scheduled for later than usual we ask that students still bring a light lunch with them.



Dates for the Calendar

- Shoebox Appeal: Wednesday 9th December*
- Brown's Bonus Afternoon: Thursday 10th December*
- End of Term: Friday 11th December (1pm finish)*
- Return to School: Tuesday 5th January*

Last Day of Term

Our last day of term before the Winter Break is **Friday 11th December**. Please note this day is a **1pm finish**. For the last day students are permitted to wear their own clothes to school but we invite them to join us in wearing Christmas jumpers. We will be donating money to Shelter as part of wearing Christmas jumpers, any further donations would be greatly appreciated.

Housekeeping

- ∞ As we rapidly approach the colder weather it is worth reminding everyone of the increased importance of appropriate clothing for students this year. We would encourage all students to have a coat due to the use of the outdoor waiting bays. School hoodies can also be ordered on request from the school office. Students must have suitable clothing for Healthy Living Enrichment on Wednesday afternoons.
- ∞ Water bottles are essential for students as the fountains will remain out of use. We are, of course, willing to refill bottles but are striving to reduce the use of single use plastic bottles in school.
- ∞ Students are permitted to wear their PE kit on days they have PE & Wednesdays for Healthy Living Enrichment. **Students should be in full school uniform on other days.**

Parents' Evening

Thank you to the parents who attended the Eagles/Falcons Parents' Evening. The meetings were held virtually and the evening ran smoothly. We look forward to meeting with the parents from Ospreys next week (**9th December**).

