

Bickley Primary School

13 October 2017



Hellos and Goodbyes

As you know, Mrs Kimberley left us on 3rd October and is now enjoying her new job. Mrs Nicky Peirce will be joining us after half term as our new office manager. She comes with a wealth of school and admin experience and I am sure you will all make her very welcome. In the meantime, a huge thank you to Miss Milne for doing such a sterling job in the office on her own! Mrs Povey, one of our Teaching Assistants, is also leaving at half term to focus more on her university studies. A big thank you for all she has done to support the children and teachers at Bickley. We wish her all the best for the future!

La Fontaine Update

Kier Building Contractors, who are carrying out the work next door, have advised us that they are hoping to complete the preliminary works to the part of the old Widmore Centre that is furthest from the school by the end of January. The plan is that the children from La Fontaine will then move in during February. We have been advised by parents that the pedestrian gate into the adult education car park has not been opened regularly. Up until now, the gates have been opened each morning by the local authority. Because of this, Mr Penny now has a key and will make sure it is opened each morning.



Playground

As you know, FOBPS has kindly agreed to pay for some new playground markings. These were supposed to have been completed during the summer holidays and were then postponed and postponed. They will now be completed during the half term holidays. Please will everyone pray for dry weather so that this doesn't get postponed again!



MAT Consultation

As you know, all Bromley schools are converting to Academy status and we have chosen to join NEXUS, which is a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) of local schools. This is out for public consultation, so if you have any questions or responses to the consultation, please contact the chair of governors (Tracey Mortimer Brown) by 3rd November.

Absence

The school's attendance figure is good overall, with an average of around 97%. However, there is an increasing number of pupils with an attendance figure of 90% or less. This is classed as 'persistent absence.'

If you have a 90% attendance record, it means that you are absent from lessons for the equivalent of one half-day every week.

A 90% attendance rate also means that you have missed the equivalent of four whole weeks of lessons in the school year.

W/b 16th October - Parent Interview week
19th Oct - Parents' Evening
W/b 23rd October - HALF TERM
1st Nov 11:00 - New Reception tour
- Halloween Discos
2nd Nov - Individual school photos
9th Nov - New Reception tours 11:00 + 2:00
16th Nov - New Reception tours 11:00pm +
2:00pm + 7:00 pm
26th Nov - Christmas Fayre 12 - 3
27th Nov - Kinetic Theatre in for KS2 pupils
5th Dec - Flu nasal sprays for R - Yr 4
12th Dec - Infant Nativity - 9:30 am
13th Dec - Infant Nativity - 2:00 pm
- Junior Carol concert in church
7:00
14th Dec - Infant Nativity - 9:30 am
19th Dec - Class Christmas parties
20th Dec - Last day of term
2nd Jan - INSET day
3rd Jan - First day of term for children