

# Bickley Primary School

## 7 December 2017



### Reporting absence

Please can you make sure you report your child's absence to the school by 9:30am on the first day of absence by phone or parentmail. Safeguarding guidance states that schools must do all they can to satisfy themselves that a child is safe if they do not come to school. In other words, we need to make sure that they are at home ill and / or with their parents. If schools don't receive a phone call from parents, they are expected to phone the home. If there is no reply after a couple of calls, schools are expected to ring the other names on the contact list. You can leave a message on the school's answer phone by pressing option 1 at any time during the day or night.

### La Fontaine Update

I attended a meeting yesterday with Counsellor Colin Smith, Angus Culverwell from the highways department, John Harvey, the chair of the residents' association, and the Head Teachers of St George's and La Fontaine. The meeting was to look at the travel plan to deal with the additional traffic and probable congestion that will occur when La Fontaine opens.

As previously mentioned, the traffic department has said that a traffic plan is not needed. However, we feel strongly that one needs to be drawn up, and a draft document is now being written. It will be completed in time for 19th February, when 300 pupils from La Fontaine will be moving in. The school will then expand by 90 each year until it is full at 630.

We will have a working party to regularly review the traffic situation around the school, and this will consist of the Head Teachers of Bickley, St George's and La Fontaine, as well as parent representatives from each school.

If you would be interested in being part of this, please let me know.

### KS2 Carol Concert - 13th Dec

Years 3 - 6 have been working hard to practise for the KS2 carol concert next Wednesday 13th December. We are expecting all children to be there to sing their hearts out and hope that you will all be coming. You are in for a treat! Please make sure that the children are there for 6:45pm so that the concert can begin at 7:00pm. It will last for approximately 45 mins and there will be a collection at the end. Children need to wear school uniforms (jumpers or cardigans on, please) and can wear tinsel in their hair if they would like.

### MAT update

As you know, Bickley is planning to join NEXUS, which is a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) of local schools. The public consultation period has ended and there were no responses from any stakeholders. The application has now gone to the DfE and we are hoping to convert to academy status in February / March.

### Dinner Debt

Please ensure that all dinner debt is paid before Christmas.

### Before and After School Clubs

Please look on the website to see details for the dates and times of school clubs.

### Lost Property

Please check the lost property box outside the office. This will be emptied during the Christmas holidays, so please take what is yours!

### Lunch Costs

School dinners can be paid weekly or termly. The weekly cost is £11 (to be paid before 9:30 on a Monday). It is £61.60 for half a term and £125.40 for the term.

### Dates for the Diary

8th Dec - Choir singing at St. George's

12th Dec - Infant Nativity - 9:30 am

13th Dec - Infant Nativity - 2:00 pm

- Juniors rehearsing in church am

- Junior Carol concert in church

7:00 pm

14th Dec - Infant Nativity - 9:30 am

19th Dec - Class Christmas parties

20th Dec - Christmas dinner and Last day of term

2nd Jan - INSET day

3rd Jan - First day of term for children