

Bickley Primary School

7 February 2018



National Tests for Yrs 1, 2 and 6

Year 6 parents - please note that SATs week this year is w/b 14th May. Please try to avoid making medical appointments for the mornings of that week.

Year 1 parents - The Year 1 phonics test will take place during the w/b 11th June.

Year 2 parents - Year 2 SATs tests will take place during May. There are no prescribed dates.

La Fontaine

La Fontaine staff and pupils are moving into what was the Widmore Centre on 20th February. The Head Teachers of Bickley, La Fontaine and St. George's have met together with council officers, the local residents' association rep and Councillor Smith to finalise plans to reduce potential travel concerns. A letter will be sent to parents of all 3 schools later this week to summarise plans for

- the entrance and exit of the Widmore car park

- Bishops Avenue
- Nightingale Lane

In the mean time, we will do all we can to monitor the impact of additional pupils and families in the surrounding roads and to keep the children safe. There will probably be a few teething problems to sort out, so please bear with us and let us know if you experience any concerns during the first week back after half term.

Young Voices

A group of Yr 5 and 6 pupils sang at the O2 on 2/2/18 at the 'Young Voices' concert. Well done to our Young Voices choir and a HUGE thank you to Miss Harvey for teaching them the songs and for organising the event. It was fantastic evening and one that I - and they - will never forget.

MAT Update

As you know, the Local Authority expectation is that all Bromley schools will be academies by the end of the year and Bickley has chosen to join the NEST (Nexus Education Schools Trust) MAT (Multi Academy Trust).

Update on progress so far:

- We have consulted with all stakeholders and have received no objections or concerns

- We are hoping to formally convert to academy status on April 1st. This is subject to the completion of legal compliance checks regarding land and property issues, etc, as the school is moving from a maintained Local Authority school to an academy in the MAT

- We are responding to due diligence checks from the MAT

- We have had TUPE meetings for staff

- We are already benefiting from the rigorous quality assurance systems in the MAT and are working with the other schools on a range of school improvement initiatives, such as joint moderation of work, support from the MAT's school improvement consultant and a recent teaching and learning review.

This is an exciting opportunity for Bickley to benefit from the resources and expertise of a group of other successful Bromley schools and we will continue to update parents of any further developments.

Dates for the Diary:

w/b 5/2/18 - Parent Interviews

w/b 12/2/18 - HALF TERM

20/2/18 - Meeting for Yr 4 parents 3:20 re Yr 4 residential trip to Grosvenor Hall

19/3/18 - Yr 6 class photo

23/3/18 - Sport Relief

28/3/18 - Easter disco

29/3/18 - Last day of term

16/4/18 - INSET DAY

17/4/18 - Children back to school

Please make sure you supervise your child's use of the outside toilets if they use them after school. This is to ensure they are not going in there to mess about, but also for safeguarding reasons, as members of the public can access the school at this time through open gates.

Please monitor your child's use of the app 'musical.ly' as children can post videos of themselves which can be accessed by the public.