



# Christmas Newsletter



Dear Parents,

December 2016

As usual in school at this time of year it has been a very busy few weeks. The infant Nativity plays and KS2 Carol concert were all lovely and really put us all in the festive mood!

Thanks to all the parents for providing the super costumes for the infant Nativity play and to the staff for all their hard work in preparing the children for these events. The positive comments and obvious enjoyment of the many visitors confirmed the long standing reputation we have as a school for producing wonderful performances.

As usual the Carol concert was well attended by parents and friends and we would like to thank the Church for allowing us to hold the service there. Singing remains an important focus at Bickley and this was evident in the beautiful carols we heard on Monday evening.

### Christmas Charity collection

After the KS1 Nativity a collection was made for two charities – Save the Children and Dr Barnardos. A total of £300.00 was raised to be shared equally between the two charities. Thank you all for your generous donations.

### Christmas Carol singing

The KS2 choir sang at The Glades, Bromley as part of a fundraising effort for the Bromley Mencap charity. The children enjoyed the experience and everyone loved their beautiful singing voices.



Mrs Robins' choir sang at our local Tesco store – there were many people there who enjoyed listening to the Christmas songs and carols. Well done children!

### Christmas dinner

Children across the school enjoyed the Christmas dinner this year. Everyone had fun listening to the Christmas music while they ate and teachers sat with the classes too. The kitchen staff all joined in with the festivities as you can see from the photograph below!



### Reading Books

Children won't be given reading books to take home over the Christmas period. These will be collected in during the last week of term.

### Lost Property



Please make sure all uniform, coats and P.E kits are clearly named as there is often lost property which cannot be returned to the children. Please check the Lost Property box before the end of term in case something belongs to your child.

### Sporting events

A couple of weeks ago Lewis Norton, Lewis Jones, Thomas Wooler, Finn Porter, Henry Monahan and Amari Dunkley represented the school at a Boxing



and Fitness competition. The children took part in a variety of individual, partner and team events, including the wall-sit, skills skipping and pad work. All of the children performed very well and Miss Lloyd was very proud of them. The team finished fifth overall which was a great achievement. Well done boys!

The boy's football team played one match recently against St Mary Cray and we won very convincingly! The girl's football team played a home match against Crofton School and again we were the winners!

### Defibrillator

The school has purchased a defibrillator through the National Health Service which will be kept in a central position near the office area in case of emergencies. Staff members will be trained in its use next term. I am sure you will agree that this is an important purchase for the school to have made.

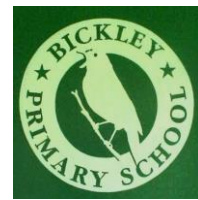
### Achievements/Special mentions

Ethan Hunt in Year 6 achieved a merit in his Grade 3 singing exam on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations! Oliver Butterfill (Yr 4) has been selected to play cricket for the Under 10's District squad – brilliant news!





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Natahlia Colbourne (Y6) has been performing in the Lion King in London over the past few weeks and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Freya Millard (Y5) is busy rehearsing for her part in the Peter Pan pantomime at The Hawth Theatre in Crawley while her brother Frankie (Y5) appeared in the Royal Variety Performance recently as a mini 'Ant' in Ant 'n' Dec's Britain's got talent! It's lovely to have so many budding actors in our school!

## 2017 information

**Clubs will begin again on the following dates:-**

<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Jamie's Gym Street dance</b>
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Street dance</b>
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Centre Stage HW Soccer stars Spanish</b>
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mrs Baxter's gym club Jujitsu</b>
<b>Weds 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Judo</b>
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Spanish</b>
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jujitsu</b>

**Some key dates for your diary:-**

<b>January 2017</b>	
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Staff INSET training day (closed to children)</b>
<b>Weds 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children back to school</b>
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year Reception/Year 6 Height and Weight check</b>
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year Reception - Hearing and vision checks</b>
<b>Thur 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NSPCC visit (details to follow)</b>
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FoBPS 'Race Night'</b>

## **KS2 School Dinners**

Weekly: £11.00 (first week £6.60)

First half term: £61.60

Second half term: £66.00

(Year 4 deduct £6.60 in second half term due to Sayers

Croft visit).

## **Final message.....**

As Christmas approaches I would like to say how much I have enjoyed this term in my role as Acting Head teacher. It has been wonderful to gain a different perspective of the school and to see the children progress in their new Year groups. They have achieved a lot this term academically and also in their public performances; the recent Nativity plays and Carol Concert being no exception. I am very proud of them all. I am now looking forward to returning to my role as Deputy Head and class teacher in Year 2 next term!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Dakin for her support and help this term as Acting Deputy Head teacher. She will return to teach her Reception class full time after Christmas. I would also like to thank the rest of the school staff for their hard work and commitment as always.

The Staff and children are all looking forward to welcoming our new Head teacher, Miss Blake and I would like to wish her all the very best in her new role at Bickley.

I shall sign off by wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.  
See you in 2017!

Yours sincerely,

Rae Cairns  
Acting Head teacher

