

FoBPS



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy month for me in my new role as Chair of FoBPS, organising my first event - the Halloween Disco and penciling in more dates in the diary for exciting events in the next 2 months and into 2020.

A big thank you to everyone who congratulated me on my new role and an even bigger thank you to those who attended the FoBPS meeting on Monday 14th October. It was a fantastic turn out, despite awful weather outside.

Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas Fair is set for Sunday 1st December and the FoBPS team is in full Christmas spirit. We have some amazing stalls planned for the fair but we need your support and donations for the some of the stalls. Further information on what donations we need follows this newsletter.

There will be lots of other fantastic stalls so make sure you pop along on Sunday 1st December between 12 – 3pm and start your Christmas shopping.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Our raffle tickets are just being printed and shortly we will be sending home 2 booklets per child. We are hoping that you can really get behind this campaign and sell as many tickets as you possible can with friends and family.



We have some great prizes on offer including a family pass to Air Jump, but we would love to have some more prizes to offer for either our Christmas Raffle or a silent auction. If you have a business and can offer a prize, please come and talk to me or a member of the FoBPS team. In return for offering a prize, we would love to promote your business on the FoBPS Facebook page, future newsletters or in the Christmas Fair programme that every single person who walks though our gates on the 1st December will receive.

Easyfundraising



With Christmas less than 2 months away, don't forget if you are shopping from the comfort of your sofa to check out www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for **Bickley Primary School** as your chosen charity. FoBPS use **easyfundraising** to raise extra funds, which means that if you shop online you could help us raise funds and it won't cost you a penny more. In fact it can help you save money. With over 1,000 online shops to deal with there is plenty of choice including major brands like Amazon, M&S, Sainsbury's, ebay and Boots. .

Bag 2 School

After a successful first Bag 2 School event, we have already booked in the next one for Thursday 23rd January 2020. So if you are having a pre Christmas clear out, save your clothes, bedding, towels, shoes and bags for this event. Let's try and beat our current record of 450kg!



Cake Sales

At the recent FoBPS meeting, it was agreed that all profits made through cake sales would be split equally between FoBPS and PRUH, which is the charity the school is supporting this year. Over the next 8 months, each year group will be assigned a cake sale date and it will be that year group's responsibility to supply the cakes and sell them at the end of the day



Reception's cake sale is on Tuesday 5th November so don't forget to bring some pennies along and buy a cake.

Eco-Friendly

In a continued effort to be more conscious of the environment, you will be able to bring your own travel mugs to use when purchasing drinks from the refreshments stall. We do still have disposable cups left in stock that we will be using over the next few events, but we do not intend to buy these in the future. Please help us to do our bit by doing your bit too.

Together we can make our world greener.



Dates for your diary

Monday 4th November
FoBPS Meeting 7pm

Tuesday 5th November



Cake sale after school – nominated Year Group Reception.

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd November

Jolly Jam Jars are back!! Further information on what a Jolly Jam Jar is follows this newsletter. Please bring in your filled jars between **Monday 18th November and Friday 22nd November** and hand to your Class Rep or a member of the FoBPS team.

Friday 29th November

In order to stock the hugely popular Tombolas, we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 29th November**. Instead of the usual £1 donation, please bring a bottle or box of chocolates. Class Reps will be on hand in the morning near the office to collect all of your very generous donations.



Sunday 1st December
FoBPS Christmas Fair
12 – 3pm



Friday 6th December

KS2 Christmas movie night with popcorn.



Fab-Bricks

Don't forget to order your personalised lego brick keyring or minifigure by **Friday 22nd November**. For every item ordered, FoBPS receives £1 – perfect stocking fillers!!

thankyou

I would like to pass on my huge appreciation to everyone who supported the Halloween Disco by buying a ticket and making a great effort with the costumes. The children all looked fang-tastic!!!



Beatrice and Olivia Roberts from Reception

A bigger thank you, though, goes to every parent helper who helped with drinks, selling sweets, glow-sticks and raffle tickets. The event was a huge success - my feet by the end felt like I had been dancing all night!

First event of the year complete



Christmas – you're next!!



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Jolly Jam Jars


What is a Jolly Jam Jar?

Jolly Jam Jars are a great tradition at Bickley Primary School. Filling and decorating the jars is great fun and a lovely way to get into the festive spirit in the run up the Christmas Fair. They are used at our Christmas Fair and are hugely popular with the children (and adults!).

How do you make a Jolly Jam Jar?

 Take a clean, empty jam jar or any jar with a lid. Using glass paints, sharpies, stickers, gems, fabric, wool, beads, tissue paper or decorative tape and decorate your jar. The sky's the limit! You can't be too creative, especially when there might be a competition for the best decorated!!!

 Fill your jar with new or unused objects of your choice if you are stuck for ideas please check out the list below for some great ideas to get you started.

 Sprinkle a bit of jolliness cheer before screwing the lid shut and bring into the school office between **Monday 18th – Friday 22nd November.**

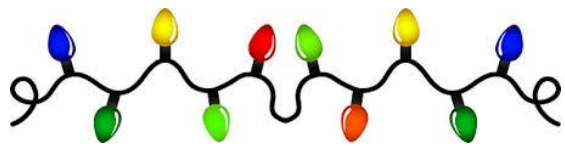
Ideas on what to fill your Jolly Jam Jar with

- Bath bombs
- Craft kits
- Stickers
- Pencils, pens, crayons
- Mini notepads
- Erasers
- Bouncy balls
- Nail stickers
- Nail varnishes
- Lip gloss
- Sweets
- Sealed slime
- Miniature puzzles/magic tricks
- Hair pieces
- Hot chocolate drink kit
- DIY cookie jar, layered ingredients
- Marbles
- Toy cars
- Play dough
- Garden Jar - seeds



Prizes will be given to the best decorate Jolly Jam Jar in KS1, KS2 and staff entry (yes they will take part too or may just go on Father Christmas' naughty list!). Winners will be decided by Father Christmas' two top elves, Miss Blake and Mrs Moon. To be in with a chance of winning, entries must be in by Friday 22nd November. Winners will be announced on Friday 29th November.

Come along to our Christmas Fair on Sunday 1st December between 12-3 and win a Jolly Jam Jar



Christmas Fair Donations



With only 4 weeks to go until the annual Christmas Fair, we are looking for donations for a few of our brand new eco-friendly stalls.

Teddy Tombola



I know all you parents out there will want to take this opportunity to relieve yourself of the overload of soft toys that seems to have accumulated in your children's bedrooms. FoBPS would like donations of clean, soft teddies, furry lions, dogs, cats and other assorted cuddlies for this stall.



New and used toys

With the imminent arrival of possible new toys from Father Christmas, it's time for a pre-Christmas clearout! Why not donate those unwanted or unused toys to FoBPS for our pre-loved toy stall. We are happy to take baby and pre-school toys, outdoor toys, board games and jigsaw puzzles, lego and construction toys, playsets and figures, art and creative toys, dolls and playsets, toy cars, trains, boats and planes, fancy dress and costumes – to name but a few. Please ensure all toys are in good condition and complete.



Books

We all know the children at Bickley love to read books, and if you are anything like my daughter, her bookcase is full and overflowing with books she has read over and over again to me. Why not make space on those bookshelves and donate books for our book stall. It's not just the children's bookcase you could look at slimming down, why not donate some adult reading books (No '50 Shades', please!) and we can have a double stall.



Christmas Jumpers



We all love to wear a sparkly Christmas jumper, but they can be quite pricey to wear only once or twice a year. If you have any Christmas jumpers that you no longer require, we would love to recycle them on our Christmas Jumper stall, ideal for you to grab yourself a bargain in time for Christmas Jumper Day 2019!

Can you help?

If you are able to help with any of the above donations, please bring them to the school office before Monday 25th November.

Kind regards

Hayley
Chair of FoBPS

