



FoBPS



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy couple of months for me and my team organising all the Christmas events, I think we may have been even busier than Father Christmas himself!!!

A big thank you to everyone who helped at the various Christmas events, it was so lovely to see all the plans come together and all the staff, children and parents have a great start to the festive season.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair was held on Sunday 1st December, the weather was perfect, the atmosphere was festive and everyone who attended was amazing and it seemed as if you were all having a lovely time. We were lucky enough to borrow the large sports hall belonging to La Fontaine which enabled us to offer more stalls and turn it into a Christmas Market event. This is also where we held our amazing pre-loved toys and book stall and I am so grateful for all the lovely donations we received. It was wonderful to see the stall so busy and I hope many of you grabbed a bargain. The other stalls were also well attended and I hope the children enjoyed decorating a Christmas decoration, making a Christmas card, visiting Santa in his Grotto or trying to win something on the tombola or one of our famous Jolly Jam Jars.

We raised an amazing amount, just over £6,000 and none of this would have been possible without your donations and support. I particularly would like to say a special thank you to Mr and Mrs Chapple who kindly offered to match fund the bottle and chocolate tombola stall. 5-a-day Fitness (<https://www.5-a-day.tv>), were our first ever matched funding partner, with their support this made our total a record amount – we will always be forever grateful for their support.

If you think you could offer match funding at a future event please get in touch with me.

As always, we are also grateful to Sinclair Hammelton for their continued support and sponsorship at our Christmas Fair.

Thank you to everyone on the FoBPS team for all the organisation over the weeks leading up to the fair and to the children, teachers and parents who all contributed in any way to make my first Christmas Fair as Chair a fantastic one – it couldn't have happened without you!

I am already looking forward to the next one!!!

Jolly Jam Jar Competition

We had some amazing entries for the Jolly Jam Jar competition and Miss Blake and Mrs Moon had some difficulty choosing the winners. Well done to Sylvie in Reception and Orestis in Year 4 who won the Jolly Jam Jar competition – whoever won your Jolly Jam Jar certainly were very lucky.



Class Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas Cards, tags, tea towels, mugs and bags for life through our class fundraising event. It was a great success and I have already signed us up for next Christmas!!!



Christmas Movie Night

With the Christmas Fair just about finished, we went straight in with a Christmas Movie Night for KS2 and it was an amazing success. The children loved bringing their cushions, blankets and teddies and snuggling down to watch *The Grinch*.



I have already been asked when the next one will be!!!



We were also very lucky to have Picturehouse sponsor the event and kindly donate the popcorn to watch with our film - so thank you Picturehouse.



Fab-Bricks



This was another huge success and thank you to everyone who placed an order. I hope you are all happy with your personalised lego brick or mini figure – I am extremely happy with the service and quality of the product and it's going to make a great stocking filler present for my daughter and nephew.

Bag 2 School

Just a reminder that the next Bag 2 School event is booked for Thursday 23rd January 2020.



So if you are having a pre Christmas clear out or you're planning of having a post Christmas clear out once the children are back at school, save your clothes, bedding, towels, shoes, bags and cuddly toys for this event. Bags will come home the first week back in January and we will start accepting bags week commencing 20th January. Let's try and beat our current record of 450kg!

Easyfundraising



If you still need to buy those last few Christmas presents or you're looking for a bargain in the January sales, don't forget 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. .



Dates for your diary

Thursday 23rd January

Bag 2 School collected – bags can be brought in week commencing 20th January



Friday 24th January

Bingo Night – details to follow in the New Year

Panto 2020

I have reserved tickets for the Panto for next year already, Thursday 17th December 2020 – details how to book these tickets will come out around Easter next year.



I would like to thank you all for your support in my first term as Chair, I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it and I can't wait for more fundraising in 2020.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year

Hayley Milne

Chair of FoBPS

Hayley.milne@bickley.bromley.sch.uk