



**Bickley Primary School**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your children enjoyed the extended half term break. The children have settled really well back to school and are working hard and behaving well. I would like to give a special mention to our Year 6 pupils who are taking their Head Girl and Head Boy, Prefect and Play Leader roles extremely seriously and are proving to be great role models for the younger children.

### Covid 19 Update

As numbers are still high nationally, we are continuing to keep measures in place to mitigate the risk of a Covid outbreak in school. Currently, we only have 1 pupil who is isolating due to Covid, but we are continuing to wash hands frequently throughout the day and keep windows and doors open to ensure constant air flow. The heating is on and we also have the option of using the air con units for warm air, and when the weather becomes colder, we will open the windows very slightly while the children are in the classrooms, and then have them wide open during play times and lunch times. It is difficult for children to understand that Covid safety measures sometimes contradict what we are doing to look after the environment, but our Eco Warriors will talk to the children in assemblies about this and what we CAN do.

We have updated our Covid Risk Assessment and this is now on the school website under 'School Info.'

### Christmas

We are hoping that the Christmas Fayre, Nativity plays and KS2 Christmas carol concert will go ahead this year but will keep a close eye on the number of cases and keep parents informed. (See dates below)



### Reading at home and Times Tables

Two of the most helpful ways to support your child at home are by reading with them and helping them to learn their multiplication tables. In terms of reading, it is incredibly beneficial to read TO your child, as well as listening to them read to you. Children who are good writers have a rich source of language to use in their writing because they have listened to and have read a wide range of stories and information. It is important for younger children to practise the phonics and high frequency words they are being taught at school, but it is equally important for them to hear new vocabulary and to enjoy stories being read to them.

In terms of Multiplication tables, the national expectations are that children are fluent in their multiplication facts for the

2x, 5x and 10x tables by the end of Year 2

2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x tables by the end of year 3

All the multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4.

We do lots of work to practise these at school, but there is a wide range of abilities, so it is incredibly helpful if parents can support us at home. It would be great if you could find out the specific facts your child cannot recall instantly in the relevant times table, and practise those over and over until your child knows them, before moving onto another times table.

**6x7= 42    8x9=72    9x6=54    7x9=63    11x12=132    8x4=32    8x8=64**



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### Head Lice

We are very lucky at Bickley that cases of head lice are rare. However, we have noticed that some girls with long hair are not tying their hair up. Not only is this a health and safety risk, but head lice travel more easily from head to head if hair is loose and it touches someone else's hair. Please make sure your child has their hair tied up if it is long.

### Earrings

Please make sure children don't wear earrings on PE days. If they have earrings that can't be removed, they need to be taped and it is much easier if we don't have to do this!

### New Football Kits

A huge thank you to Mrs Scarborough and Ms Ellis for organising a new football kit for us and for North Star and Grips Tyres for sponsoring them. We're hoping that the football team play as sharply as they look!



### Dates for the Diary

- 17/11/21 – VR workshops for Years 4, 5 and 6
- 19/11/21 – Children in Need fundraising – details to come
- 24/11/21 – Individual and sibling photos
- 29/11/21 – Flu immunisation nasal spray for all year groups
- 5/12/21 (Sunday) – Christmas Fayre
- KS1 Nativity – 7/12/21 (2:00pm), 9/12/21 (9:30am), 10/12/21 (9:30am) - details to follow
- 14/12/21 – KS2 carol concert in the church – 6:00pm
- Reception Nativity - 15/12/21 (9:30 am) and 16/12/21 (2:00pm) – details to follow
- 17/12/21 – Year 4 visit to Harry Potter Studios and last day of school!

Many thanks for your continued support

Yours sincerely

Miss Blake