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Dear Parents and Carers,

December has arrived and the Christmas countdown has begun! The children are busy rehearsing for their Christmas performances, and we're hoping that as many of you as possible will be able to see your children in their nativity play or carol concert. Here's a quick reminder of dates:

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper day for Save The Children
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Reception performance (for RH parents) – 9:30 am
- Year 1 and 2 performance – 2:00 pm
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 and 2 performance – 9:30 am
- Reception performance (for RK parents) – 2:00 pm
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 and 2 performance – 9:30 am
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 carol concert in Bromley Parish Church – 6:00 pm
- School Christmas dinner – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – last day of term

## The Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is taking place this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 12:00 – 3:00. (We have it on a Sunday so that you can park in the road if you need to) We are hoping to see as many of our families as possible and look forward to a fun day that will raise much-needed funds for the school. There will be cash as well as token stalls, and tokens can be bought on the day or after school this Friday in the playground.

## The children's behaviour

I wanted to let you know how wonderful your children are, if you didn't know it already! We have had 8 tours of the school by prospective Reception parents, and have received lots of compliments about the 'calm, happy feel of the school' and also how well-mannered and well-behaved the children are. Behaviour continues to be good during lesson time and play times, with only a handful of children being unkind to others. I am so proud of this. Yesterday we had some visitors in school, and they all commented on our wonderful children. I'll let Santa know!



## Sports Success



Bickley pupils continue to do really well in a range of sports. Years 5 and 6 competed in the Bromley cross country event, and 3 of our Yr 6 pupils ran in the Bromley Youth Games cross country race. To be chosen, the children took part in a junior park run and the fastest 12 year six girls and Y6 boys were asked to represent Bromley. The race took place on Hampstead Heath with 33 London boroughs taking part. All 3 Bickley Primary children ran their socks off and at the end of the morning when all age groups had taken part, they added up the scores and Bromley boys AND girls came overall first place and received a gold medal. Well done, Oscar King, James Wilson and Imanya Rutty – we're very proud of you!



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The girls' and boys' football teams have played a number of matches against other Bromley schools this term, and at every match, their sportsmanship and positive attitude have been praised by the other schools. A particular well done goes to the girls' team, who remain undefeated so far! Let's hope the England football team are similarly successful over the next couple of weeks!

### **Homework Apps**

We have had some very positive feedback regarding 'DoodleMaths' and other App-based homework. We can certainly see rapid improvement in the progress of children who regularly log on to them. We do realise that it can take some planning and organisation in some households, where several children all need the family iPad / access to a phone etc at the same time, so many thanks for enabling that to happen. If you are really struggling to have an available device for your child to use, please do let us know.

### **Please let us know if your child is unwell**

Many thanks to all of you who either ring the school, email or leave a phone message before school, informing us of your child's absence. There are still, however, some of you who wait for the office to phone you. This can sometimes take considerable time out of Mrs Peirce's and Miss Milnes' busy day – especially when they have to ring several times. We HAVE to know if your child isn't coming to school – whatever the reason – as it is a safeguarding concern if we don't know. It would be so helpful if parents could let us know to save the school contacting you.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. We have 14 days until we break up for Christmas! I hope to see all of you between now and then at one of our Christmas nativity plays or at the carol concert.

Yours sincerely



Miss Blake

