

Friday 16 December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer



Festive fever has been in the air for the past couple of weeks at Old Bexley! The PTA Christmas Fair launched our Christmas with lots of families enjoying all the different stalls and activities on offer. The younger children have all performed in 9 different Christmas productions and it was a privilege and a joy to be able to watch all of them. We also invited the Grandparents of the Year 3 children in and had the brilliant Christmas concert. This week has ended with the whole school Christmas dinner, our Christmas Service led by the local clergy team and a Christmas Sing Off by the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Please can I take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support. It has been lovely to be able to invite parents back in to school to celebrate many events with us. Also thank you for all the cards and gifts I have received. It is much appreciated.

Old Bexley News Crew



Hopefully you received this week's ParentMail with the latest edition of the "Old Bexley Babble". This is our exciting newsletter written by the school's News Crew made up of pupils from Years 5 and 6.

Fundraising this term

The school has supported the following charities this half term:

- The Royal British Legion (over £350 was raised for the Poppy Appeal)
- Children in Need (over £1500 was raised)
- Greenwich & Bexley Hospice (over £3500 has been raised from the Rudolph Run, with donations still coming in)
- Sweet treats for Bexley Foodbank
- Children's Book Project

We are very proud of our Year 6 children who came up with the idea and organised the sweet treat donations to the Foodbank for Christmas. The Foodbank were very grateful for your generous donations.

PTA

The PTA have had a very busy half term. Thank you to all PTA members for their hard work in organising the Fair. They raised £4,333 at the Christmas Fair, which has been match funded making an impressive total of £8,666.



The PTA have also organised a children's Christmas raffle, today's sweet cone sale, plus provided the refreshments at the Year 3 Grandparents events and the nativity performances. If you are interested in joining the PTA and helping them out at future events, you can contact them via email: oldbexleypta1@gmail.com

Please keep your diary free for Friday 3 February when the PTA will be holding their fun and successful Bingo night! There will also be another Break the Rules day for the children on Friday 20 January – further details to follow next term.

Driving Congestion



Driving congestion around the school remains an issue and we continue to receive complaints from our neighbours. Please think before you park, and if need be, park a little further out so that you are not causing an obstruction. Thank you to those parents who continue to park responsibly.

Uniform



Due to the severe weather and it being Christmas, incorrect uniform has not been picked up over the past week. Please can you ensure that the correct uniform, especially footwear, is worn when we return after the holiday. This information is available on the [school's website](#).

Parents' Evening

It was lovely to be able to have face to face meetings for our parents' evenings a couple of weeks ago. They were very well attended. Thank you to all of the parents who gave the school ideas on how to include you in your child's learning. We plan to have more events over the course of the school year where parents are invited into school either to learn alongside their child, workshops or fun events.

On behalf of all the staff and Governors at Old Bexley, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and restful Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Wednesday 4 January 2023**.

Best wishes
Mrs J Ivil