

Wednesday 20th December 2023

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 events and it was a privilege and a joy to be able to watch all of them. As well as the Nativities in EYFS and KS1, we also invited the Grandparents of Year 3 children in, had 4 separate Christmas services at St Mary's led by Rev Mel Jemmett and had the brilliant Christmas concert at Holy Trinity Church. This week has ended with the CRIBs performance for all the school and the Christmas Sing Off by 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 and family 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 yesterday's parent email with the latest edition of the "Old Bexley Babble". This is our exciting newsletter written and produced by the school's News Crew made up of pupils from Years 5 and 6.

Fundraising this half term

The school has supported the following charities this half term:

- The Royal British Legion (over £470 was raised for the Poppy Appeal)
- Children in Need (over £1100 was raised)
- Greenwich & Bexley Hospice (at the time of writing, over £2600 has been raised from the Rudolph Run, with donations still coming in)

Thank you 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 Christmas Fair. It was a great success and raised £6231.

The PTA provided the refreshments at the Year 3 Grandparent events. 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 2 February when the PTA will be holding their fun and successful Bingo night! There will also be a special raffle next half term where the children can buy tickets to win various 'experiences' within school.

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. Please show consideration to one another and do not park over or obstruct any driveways. Thank you to those parents who continue to park responsibly.

Uniform



Please can you ensure that the correct uniform, especially footwear, is worn when we return after the holiday. School shoes should be black and boots are not allowed. Trainers can only be worn on PE days. Further information is available on the [school's website](#).

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 **Monday 8th January**.

Best wishes
Mrs J Ivil