

Dear parents,



Attendance for November 2016

These were the attendance figures for November:

Nursery	90.5%	2T	96.4%	4H	94.3%
Sapphire	94.3%	2C	96.7%	5G	94.3%
Emerald	94.8%	3T	93.3%	5N	95.1%
1MC	95.7%	3H	96.1%	6M	92.5%
1DT	95.7%	4S	96.6%	6C	93.4%



This gives a whole school attendance rate of 94.8%. The Government's expectation is at least 95% so some classes will need to improve next term to make up the deficit, especially Year 6.

Infant Christmas Production of 'Super Star'

Our Infant children will be performing 'Super Star' on Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December at 9.45am. We would love to see you at one of the performances, which promise to be the usual exotic mix of seasonal music, high drama and very close-harmony singing. Seats will be available on a first-come-first-served basis and we will be collecting for the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice at the performances.

'Aladdin'

West End In Schools, a theatre group, is coming next Thursday morning to perform 'Aladdin and His Wonderful Lump' to all the children. The Friends have kindly agreed to contribute to keep the cost down but we still need to ask for a contribution of £2 per child towards the cost. Could you please send your donation in by Wednesday 12th December (Junior parents should be able to use SIMS Agora).

Christmas Parties and Christmas Jumper Day

The children will be having their Christmas parties on the afternoon of Thursday 15th December and party lists should be coming out today. Children with severe allergies will need to bring in a party plate. We are also inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper that day and bring in a donation towards the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice. If they don't have a Christmas jumper then something festive (eg. a red sweater with a sprig of holly) will do. They can also wear their own clothes to school that day so that they don't have to change for the discos after school.

Carol Service

The children in our Junior classes (ie. years 3 to 6) will be going to Bishop Ridley Church for our annual Carol Service on Friday 16th December at 9.30am. You are invited to join us at the church for this seasonal celebration and we look forward to seeing you there. Because space is limited we ask that parents sit in the gallery for the service.

Christingle Service

We will also be holding a 'Christingle' service for our Infant classes (ie. years R, 1 and 2) in the school hall on Friday 16th December. The service will start at 2.40pm and parents are invited to come along and join us for the service. We would like to thank the Co-Op for providing the ingredients for our Christingles.

Medical Alert

Please note that we have recently had a case of chicken pox in school.



Parking on Zigzag Lines

The lollipop lady has reported that there are some parents regularly parking on the zigzag lines outside the school. I would remind everyone that this is illegal and that if it persists then the police will be called.

Adverse Weather

In the event of the school having to close due to bad weather a notice will be put on the school's website and Facebook page and the Schools OpenCheck website which is linked to the Council's main website (www.bexley.gov.uk). Parents without internet access can phone 020 8408 7508 and enter the school's

DfE number (303 3510) to get the same information, or can phone the Contact Centre on 020 8303 7777. A voicemail message will be left on the school answerphone advising parents of school closure and a Parentmail message will also be sent out.

School Dinners

Year 3, 4 5 and 6 can now pay for school lunches using SIMS Agora, details of which were sent out recently. We will be rolling it out to the Infant parents after Christmas so watch out for an email in the New Year and would like to encourage as many parents as possible to take advantage of this facility.

Absence

Just a reminder that parents should phone the school on the first day of their child's absence and confirm the reason for the absence in writing upon their return to school.

Dates for the Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 3 rd and Wednesday 4 th January	Staff training days (including Safeguarding training)
Thursday 5 th January	Spring term starts
Wednesday 11 th January	Class photos (am)
Friday 13 th January	1DT & 4H achievement assembly
Friday 20 th January	2C & 5N achievement assembly
Friday 27 th January	3T & 6C achievement assembly
Friday 3 rd February	2T achievements assembly
Friday 10 th February	1MC achievement assembly
13 th to 17 th February	Half term week
Friday 24 th February	Sapphire Class achievement assembly
Friday 3 rd March	5G achievement assembly
Friday 10 th March	Nursery achievement assembly
Friday 17 th March	Emerald & 3H achievement assembly
Friday 24 th March	4S & 6M achievement assembly
Friday 31 st March	Break up for Easter
Wednesday 19 th April	Summer term starts



End of term

We will be breaking up for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 21st December, finishing at 1.15pm.

And finally, on behalf of everyone at Bishop Ridley School, I would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Hall
Head Teacher

