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PARENTS NEWSLETTER December 2021 Primary School Applications

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, then your child will be moving into reception in a primary school. You need to apply on line for a place on the Royal Greenwich website. You need to apply to Royal Greenwich even if you want a Bexley school. Please contact the office if you need any help. Gill will be hosting meetings to support parents in applying for places please book a

place through the office if you would like some help. You will need to have an email address. We will also be hosting a stay and play on Saturday 8th January 10-11.30. We will have

laptops so that you can apply for a place then. The closing date for applications is <u>15th January 2022</u>.

December Dates;

- From the 1st of December we will start adding Christmas decorations to the school. We do this slowly as we have some children who struggle with the changes to their familiar room.
- 1st December, Planting Crocus bulbs in Bostall gardens, we would like parents to help us take some children to plant the crocus bulbs, they have 3,000 to plant and will also be planting on the 4th and 5th December. We will finish the 1st with 'Light up Christmas'. Please come along to light the court yard up, with our Christmas lights. Starting at 4.00 there will be Hot chocolate and mince pies and singing carols before the count down to the lights going on at 4.45.
- 8th Christmas dinner; You should have already received a letter about Christmas dinner. This is only for the children who have already started to stay for dinners. Please see April in the office if you have any questions.
- 10th December; Christmas jumper day. We will be raising money to buy more books now that book borrowing has restarted.
- 15th December; We will have a visit from a very special gentleman who will give the children presents.
- 16th Christmas parties; All children attend in the morning between 9.30 and 11.30. Children who have the 30 hours' code then have lunch and stay for the afternoon. There are no full days on this day, the children can find it very over whelming, which is why we have found this a good way to have the party. If possible we ask for a £1 donation towards buying the party food, balloons etc.
 - 16th December School finishes until 6th January 2022.

A few reminders.

- Please make sure that your child's name is in their coat.
- Please do not use your phone anywhere on the school site. We have put a clock on 'Space room' wall so that you can see the time.
- Remember to check our 'website'. We add all the newsletters and other information regularly. We would love to have feedback about the website especially if it was easy to use or if you couldn't find what you are looking for. <u>https://www.abbeywoodnurseryschool.co.uk/</u>

Book sale and second hand clothes.

We are going to have a sale on 9th December. We will have new and used books.

New books will be £3 each second hand books 50p. We have also had clothes donated to the school, some of which we have passed on to other parents, however we have a lot of stuff remaining which we are unable to store. We will be selling the items for 50p each. All the money will go to the school fund to enable us to buy some new resources and Christmas presents for the children.

Diary dates for the Spring term. Thursday January 6th - Children return to school Saturday January 8th - Stay and play (also last opportunity for Reception Applications) 10th - 14th January - Literacy Week 14th - 18th February - Half term holidays Monday 7th - Friday 18th March - Living eggs (We watch chicks hatch out!) Saturday 11th March Stay and play - meet the chicks and help us start our veg planting. Friday 18th March - Red Nose day. Friday 1st April - Break up for Easter Holidays Wednesday 20th April - Children return for the summer term.

We wish you a very happy Christmas if you are celebrating, otherwise have a lovely holiday.

Gill and all the staff