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Dear Parents and Guardians

### **Advent Service**

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November we will hold our whole school annual candle-lit Advent Service in the School Memorial Chapel. Some pupils from the Prep School choir will be participating, together with pupils from the Pre-Preparatory and Senior Schools. All families are most welcome to attend this wonderful whole school service.

### **Christmas Services**

Please note the following change of date for the Prep School Christmas Service for all pupils in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8. This service will now be taking place in the School Chapel on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm and not on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils are free to go home after the Christmas Service at 3.15pm. **Please park at the Senior School if you are attending this service and not the Prep School.**

The end of term timings will remain the same with school closing for Christmas on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> at 12.00pm for pupils in Years 3 and 4, and 1.00pm for pupils in Years 5-8.

The Junior Christmas Service for pupils in Years 3 and 4 is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December in the School Chapel starting at 2.45pm.

### **Parking**

In order to ease Wednesday afternoon car park congestion and collection, **I would request that all parents watching their children in home sports fixtures park in the Senior School car park.** I appreciate that this may be a little inconvenient but the combination of having so many cars already parked in the Prep School car park and parents then arriving to collect pupils at 3.15pm creates an unmanageable congestion issue.

Wednesday afternoons:

- Children in Years 3 and 4 should be collected at 3.15pm. Please vacate the car park as quickly as possible.
- Pupils in Years 5 and 6 and not involved in fixtures should also be collected at 3.15pm. Please vacate the car park as quickly as possible.
- **All Year 7 and 8 pupils not involved with fixtures should be picked up from the Senior School South Gate car park** (by the swimming pool). Pupils with younger siblings should collect their brother or sister from the concourse and walk together to the Senior School. Please do not collect pupils from Years 7 and 8 from the Prep School. Prep sessions still run as normal.

### **Book Fair**

It's Book Fair time again – being held in the Library on Tuesday, 25th & Wednesday, 26th November. Please send your child in with money if they wish to purchase a book. The average cost of a book is approximately £7.99; obviously some will cost more, some less. Parents have the opportunity to come in after 4.00pm on both days. The children always look forward to the event & we hope for another successful Fair this year.

### **Junior Michaelmas Concert**

Parents, friends and family wishing to support our young musicians, featuring the Junior Choir, Junior Band, Steel Pans and some soloists, from pupils exclusively in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be warmly welcomed to this wonderful seasonal event which will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> November in Cobham Hall at 2.45pm.

### **Christmas Cards**

We will soon be approaching 'Christmas Card' season and ask that you support us in, what has now become a school tradition, a simple way to support a worthy charity. We ask that children do not bring in Christmas cards for friends and staff, but instead make a donation to our chosen charity, using the money you would have spent purchasing cards. Each child may bring one card in to school for their class. As in previous years we will be supporting "Childline." We hope you feel that you can assist us in this way. A form card can be brought into school from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Each one will be put on display in the form for everyone to see and enjoy. Please give your donation to Mrs Taylor in the school office in a labelled envelope. This is a very worthwhile charity helping children and their families during extremely difficult times and we hope to be able to send a good donation at the end of term. Thank you.

### **Year 3 Tennis Academy**

As part of our development of the Bromsgrove School Tennis Academy we are expanding to include Mini Orange lessons which is for children aged 8 and 9. It is played outdoors on a reduced size tennis court at Bromsgrove School. It's just like the real game and gives players opportunities to have long rallies and play different types of shots. For further details please contact Mr Richard Lawton: Director of Tennis at [rlawton@bromsgrove-school.co.uk](mailto:rlawton@bromsgrove-school.co.uk) contact reception on 01527 572129.

### **Tennis Tournaments**

We are pleased to announce the first of our tennis tournaments for everyone aged 8 and under. The tournament is open to anyone (you don't have to be a member of BSTA)

When: Sunday 30th November, 1pm to 4pm.

Who: Anyone aged 8 and under of any standard (the tournament will be split into two ability groups with a certificate for everyone and a prize for the winner of each group).

How much: £12.00 per entry. Enrolment and payment to be made on the day (max of 50 participants).

Where: Bromsgrove School Main Arena.

Equipment can be provided free of charge.

For further details please contact Mr Paul Felton: Sports Facilities Manager at [pfelton@bromsgrove-school.co.uk](mailto:pfelton@bromsgrove-school.co.uk) or contact reception on 01527 572129.

### **Ski Trip 2015**

Five places have unexpectedly become available for next year's ski trip to Davos on 27th March – 4th April 2015. Please contact Mr Sutherland at [psutherland@bromsgrove-school.co.uk](mailto:psutherland@bromsgrove-school.co.uk) for more information about this fantastic trip.

### **Confirmation Classes**

Any Year 7 or Year 8 pupils interested in finding out more about being confirmed in the Church of England should contact the Chaplain, Reverend Paul Hedworth. The next

Confirmation Service in our school chapel will take place on Sunday 10th May when the Bishop of Worcester will be with us.

**Headmistresses Commendations** were awarded to: Gemma Calthorpe, Lucy Day, Georgia Hancox, Katherine Parmar, Teddy Venables, Francesca McCaig, George Tate and Nicole Fildes-Smith.

**Credit results:**

Years 3 and 4 – Elizabeth Smith (3GB) - Darby

Years 5 and 6 – Joint winners from Jasmine Underwood Darby (5CE) and Lucy McLoughlin (6SMC) Telford.

Years 7 and 8 – Ethan McLean (8RW) Telford.

**Fine Diners**

Congratulations to this week's Years 3 and 4 Fine Diners: Gabriella Billing, Jai Bushell, Reuben McLean, Farida Ebrahim, Amy Duffy, Kaashif Ali Baig, Joe McLoughlin, Charlotte Jones, Max Jehan, Luci Broadhurst, Tavan Biran, Tessa Pickering.

**Sport**

**Boys**

Last Saturday we fielded six teams versus Sir Thomas Richards Grammar School, Gloucester. The U13A's just won while the B's narrowly lost. The U12A's had one of their toughest matches of the season against a side who had only lost once all season and the U12's did exceptionally well to win all three matches.

On Monday our U8, U9 and U10 swimmers won their swimming gala versus Blue Coat School, Birmingham.

On Wednesday the U13 and U12 boys played Monmouth School, Wales for the first time at Prep School level and we won all four matches. We also had four junior teams out versus King's Hawford Prep School, Worcester where the U11A and U10 A teams won both and the U11B/C's and U10C's lost narrowly.

Please note that the U12A, B and C rugby teams have an extra match on Wednesday 26th November vs Bredon Hill, kicking off at 2.30 pm.

For our most up to date sports news please continue to look at our sports website.

**Girls**

We had a record number of girls playing hockey for the school this afternoon. 155 girls represented the 16 Bromsgrove teams who played against The Dragon, Foremarke Hall and Warwick Prep - all three are some of our strongest opponents.

Victorious teams include the U13Ds, U12As, U12Cs, U10Bs and U10Ds. Our U11Cs drew in an exciting game against Warwick Prep.

It is important to note that every hockey team has made massive improvements in their game play and it is not simply the results that are a measurement of the girls success, but how they are playing in training, squad sessions as well as their results. Well done to every girl who played hockey on Wednesday.

### **Pupil News**

Emily Dyer had a successful weekend at the National Team Master Skipping Championships winning 3 bronze medals in the pairs category and 2 silver medals in the individual competition.

Congratulations to Mitchell Hare U12 and Oliver Holden U10 on their selection for Worcestershire County Cricket.

### **PA Christmas Fair – 6<sup>th</sup> December, 12.pm – 2.00pm**

The annual PA Christmas Fair will soon be upon us and the PA are busy organising some exciting festive stalls which will be set up in Cobham Hall following the Saturday morning Activities programme.

Today your child should have brought home some raffle tickets which we hope you will support by selling them to family and friends. If you require additional raffle tickets to sell please let Mrs Taylor know and she will pass this message on to the PA.

The ever popular 'Jumble Jar' will again be part of the Fair, the PA kindly asks for donations to be left in the Maple entrance hall. (See attachment)

Father Christmas will be attending this year's fair, specifically for pupils in Years 3 and 4 and for those attending the Pre-Prep. There will be a sign up list if you wish your child to visit Father Christmas. Details to follow.

### **Assembly Theme for the Week:**

Time to Look Forward. John the Baptist, Hope, The Prophets

### **Pastoral Focus for the Week:**

Moving quietly around school and considering others at all times

### **Lost property**

Shona Mills – Black Rohan umbrella  
Teddy Broadhurst – Waterproof Coat  
Daisy Hoare – Black Fluffy Cardigan  
Millie Goulden-Page – Brown Fur Snood Scarf

Yours sincerely

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