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Dear Parents and Guardians

This is the last newsletter for 2016. What a wonderful, albeit busy, term it has been.

#### Prep School Christmas Concert

Last night's Christmas Concert was a wonderful evening of music and song. The Prep pupils thoroughly enjoyed performing with the Senior School pupils and represented our school with pride. Many congratulations to pupils in the Jazz Group, the Flute Group, the Rock Group, the Wind Band, the Strings Group, the Orchestra, the Brass Group, the Prep Choir, the Chapel Choir and the Staff Choir too, for entertaining the audience so incredibly well with high quality music and song. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

#### Year 3 and 4 Christingle Service

This afternoon's service was a special occasion for our youngest pupils. Everyone had made a Christingle and understood the symbolism of them. The children all sang and spoke beautifully in this thought provoking service.

#### Year 3 and 4 Christmas Shopping

The PA Christmas Shopping Event is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Each child in Years 3 and 4 will be able to visit the Christmas shop to choose and purchase a Christmas present for both a female and male relative; this could be Mummy, Daddy, Grandparent or perhaps a favourite Aunt or Uncle. All gifts are wrapped so the chosen presents will be ready to go under the tree. Please can children remember their purses with £6 with which to purchase two gifts for two relatives (£3 per gift).

The PA would like to thank all parents who have donated items for this popular event for our youngest pupils.

#### Christmas Jumpers

As you will already know, the children have been invited to attend school on Monday wearing a Christmas Jumper to help add to the festive feeling. There will no doubt be a number of our children who do not own a Christmas Jumper and we would not wish for parents to feel the need to go out and make an additional purchase at this (or any other) time of year. Therefore, children can wear any jumper into school on Monday: Christmas ones are encouraged, but jumpers in traditional Christmas colours (red, green, purple, gold etc.) are also welcome. A further reminder that Years 3 and 4 can be in home clothes, whilst Years 5 – 8 must be in sports kit, with a jumper over the top.

#### Years 5 and 6

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are looking forward to their annual trip to pantomime next week to watch 'Beauty and the Beast' at the Palace Theatre.

#### Christmas Cards

Thank you for the donations we have received so far for Childline. If you wish to send in a donation, please hand it in to Mrs Taylor in the office. 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.

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### Charity Appeal

Reverend Loone, Assistant Chaplain, is making an appeal on behalf of Saint Chad's Sanctuary in Birmingham. The sanctuary provides help and support to the poor and needy and is particularly looking for warm clothing such as hats, scarves and especially gloves as well as trainers sizes 41-43 / 8, 9 and 10. If you can help in any way please leave your offering with Mrs Taylor at reception.

### Staff News

Mrs Le Guyader commences her maternity leave at the end of this term and I am sure that you will join me in wishing her well with her new arrival. Mrs Abraham will join the English Department and teach Mrs Le Guyader's sets and I am pleased to welcome Mrs Hickman to the Curriculum Support department. Mrs Hickman is an experienced teacher and previous Head of Department.

Sadly, Mrs Whiting leaves Bromsgrove next week to take up a promotion in a new school. We offer her our congratulations and wish her every success in her new role. We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Mr Shone as a Humanities teacher, covering many of Mrs Whiting's sets and he will also take on the responsibility for Mrs Le Guyader's tutor group. Mr Shone has considerable pastoral experience and has been both a tutor and Head of Year in other similar schools.

### Carol Service

The Senior Carol Service (Years 5, 6, 7 and 8) on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December starts at 12.00noon in the Memorial Chapel and all parents, family and friends are warmly invited. Please park in the South Car Park for this event.

### **END OF TERM - Collection Times Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Years 3 & 4	12 noon
Years 5 - 8	1.00pm after the Senior Carol Service

### **School closes for Christmas at 1.00pm - All pupils must be collected by this time.**

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Siblings of pupils in Years 5 – 8 will be supervised in Maple Hall until the Senior Carol Service has finished at 1.00pm.

Please be aware there will be no bus service after the morning run on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### Junior House Music Competition Years 3, 4 and 5

Auditions will be held during the first full week of term for the Junior House Music Competition, Years 3, 4 and 5. Auditions will be held during Music lessons in front of other members of the class in an environment of support and appreciation for pupil's skills. The most promising performers will then be put forward to the public finals to be held in early February. Traditionally the expectation is that all pupils will take part, however if there is a particular reason your child does not feel able to participate then please contact Mrs Russell.

Any pupil wishing to sing should go to Charanga website and log on using their specific password and user ID. They should then go to Moon Missions where they will be able to access a song called Orford Lighthouse under the heading JHMC.

### School Digital Guides Advice

The following has been collated by Bromsgrove School's Digital Guides for any parents anticipating purchasing a mobile phone for their children.

#### Six Top Tips for Buying a Mobile Phone

- Content Lock - register users under 18 years old to restrict content.
  - [EE Orange](#) | [O2 and Giffgaff](#) | [Vodafone](#) | [Tesco Mobile](#)

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- Parental Controls - password protect features like App Store or Playstore purchases.
  - Apple: Settings - General - Restrictions
  - Android: Settings - Users - Add - Set Up
- Download Network App - all networks have an app that allows you to monitor usage of data, texts and calls.
- Capped Contracts - most networks offer capped contracts to avoid a surprise bill.
- Protection - purchase accessories such screen protectors and a protective case to prevent accidental damage.
- Get Expert Advice - in partnership with NSPCC, O2 stores provide free advice and device set up, regardless of which network the phone is on.

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school for any reason. Older pupils do not need a mobile phone in school as they will always be permitted to use a school landline if they need to contact their parents. Pupils using the school bus are the exception to this. Older pupils who decide to bring their mobile phone to school must sign it in with Mrs Taylor every day. Pupils found not to have done this will be sanctioned immediately. Pupils have no access to their mobile phones during the day and are therefore requested to leave them at home or in the car.

#### Fine Diners

Congratulations to this week's fine diners in Years 3 and 4: Rumer Evans, Monty Cooke, Grace Thompson-Brown, James Hackett, Ruby Broadhurst, Mya Doak, Sophie Hinton, Woody Johansen-Berg, William

#### Sport:

On Wednesday all the Year 7 and 8 boys took part in the annual house swimming gala. Oliver Brown, Year 8, and Cyrus Passman, Year 7, both broke the 25metre butterfly house records. House positions were: 1st Telford, 2nd Boulton, 3 Watt, 4th Darby. Well done to all our swimmers.

#### Girls

On Tuesday, Bromsgrove hosted the U14 District Cross Country where our Year 8 girls ran against Year 9 pupils from the Bromsgrove and Redditch district. Congratulations to all the girls who participated, and extra congratulations to Katie Rolph who qualified in the top ten runners to represent Worcestershire County.

#### Boys

On Saturday, the oldest school rugby fixture in England took place against King Edward's School, Birmingham. The U13 As and Bs had good wins away while the Cs lost. At home the U12 As, Bs and Cs all won while the U12Ds lost.

On Tuesday swimmers from Years 3,4,5 and 6 were in action in a gala versus Newcastle under Lyme with the boys winning a total of fifteen races out of the twenty-four contested.

On Tuesday, our Year 8 runners participated in the annual District Cross Country Championships. All of the boys ran well and the following four have been selected to represent the District U14 team at the Herefordshire and Worcestershire County Championships on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January at Sanders Park, Bromsgrove: Daniel Goodwin 6<sup>th</sup>, Leo Mellor 10<sup>th</sup>, Charlie Bridgewater 11<sup>th</sup> and Stuart Shannon 18<sup>th</sup>. Many congratulations to them.

On Thursday our four U9 rugby teams hosted Warwick at home.

Squads on Monday - all Years 5 to 8 boys need to come to school wearing their hockey kit, full tracksuit, hockey stick, shin pads and gum shield.

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### Swimming

Due to a swimming fixture at Warwick there will be no junior squads on Tuesday 10th January. Normal swim squads will resume from Thursday 5th January (6pm -7pm).

### Pupil News

Congratulations to Max Jehan and Annaliese Rice who both achieved their first Dan Black Belt in karate last weekend, and Tashin Moodley who achieved his 2nd Dan Black Belt.

A number of Bromsgrove school fencing club members took part in a Fencing Gala at RGS Worcester this week. Congratulations to Finlay Shaylor and Fred Hanson for winning their category and Oliver Glaze and Max Shaylor who both came third in their category.

Oliver Dieppe (Year 4), playing for Ombersley Tennis Club, won the Aegon County U9 Orange Tennis league with his partner on Sunday. The competition was played between October and December and consisted of three rounds; a preliminary round, semi-final and final. The final was contested between teams from Pershore, Stourport and David Lloyd Worcester. Both boys won two of their three singles matches and two of the doubles matches, which was enough to see them through into first place. Many congratulations Oliver.

### Lost property

Thomas Oakley - school jumper  
Fred Hanson - blue school coat  
Gemma Billig – school tracksuit bottoms and striped swimming  
Eva Mein - swimming costume  
Sam Amos – school tracksuit bottoms and waterproof  
Eliza Eddington - two cardigans  
Amelia Eddington – scarf

### 2017

Boarders return to Page House by 7.30pm at the latest, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017. School reopens on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

On behalf of the staff I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely

Jacqui Deval-Reed  
Headmistress

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