

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents

Some of you will be aware that we have had a very tricky week grappling with staff absences. I do hope that by the end of next week, all staff currently off school unwell will be back in their respective classes and fully recovered. We are truly living our "TEAM" motto – with all staff pulling together to ensure that children are the least affected – together everyone achieves more!

**Christmas Charity Hamper Appeal** – The final figure raised for the charity hampers was £760.16! Thanks to everyone who contributed as well as those families who made large separate donations and also put together their own hampers. Rosie Hurndall and her team have been busy this week making up the hampers for those families in our local area who are in need. Very well done to all of them for their generosity.

**Christmas Mini Bazaar Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10am-1pm** – I hope that lots of you will be able to attend the The Friends' Christmas Bazaar at the Intimate Theatre on Sunday. It promises to be a festive, fun-filled morning! .

**Christmas Raffle** – Your child should have come home with raffle tickets yesterday for The Friends' Christmas Raffle. There are fabulous prizes to be won including a Christmas hamper made up by the staff at school! The draw will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December and so you have a few weeks to sell the tickets.

**Gymnastics Festival** – It was fantastic to take five Year 6 girls to the Enfield Borough inter-school gymnastics competition on Wednesday. A huge well done to Chloe, Darcey, Raffaella, Ana-Christina and Jagna for winning the whole competition and coming back to school with medals and a large trophy! They came first place out of 17 schools and were successful in achieving a couple of perfect 10s too. Well done girls!

**Assemblies** – On Monday we lit the first candle of our Advent Wreath for the first Sunday of Advent. On Tuesday I read the story "Sorry" by Norbert Landa and Tim Warnes to the infant children and we talked about saying sorry if we do something wrong. Next year, when Year 2 are in Year 3, they will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation followed by their First Holy Communion.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** – Thank you to our assistant priest Fr Stewart from St Monica's, Fr David and Fr Andrew from Our Lady of Lourdes and Fr Walter from St Edmund's who came to school this week to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Reconciliation is an important part of preparing ourselves during Advent for the celebration of Christmas.

**Music tuition from Enfield Music Service (EMS)** – If you want to book music instrument lessons through EMS for the spring term, the deadline is Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December – an email was sent about this last week. Book lessons using this link <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore> Instrument lessons available are: piano, keyboard (but limited space), violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar, flute, clarinet and saxophone. We recommend lessons do not start until Year 2 or later and bear in mind that your child will miss lesson time in class to go to their instrument lesson.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend – don't forget to pop into the Bazaar on Sunday morning.

Kind regards,  
Kate Baptiste,  
Headteacher