



## Franklin Times

6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents



We had an exciting day yesterday when the Nicholas bell, named by the children of Franklin, arrived from the foundry in Loughborough en route to St John's. Today I attended the service of baptism of the bells, this

involved the bishop blessing each bell and naming it. The bells will be hung in the tower at St John's and first ring out on Christmas day.



Below we have Mandela class in the garden this week, re-enacting the Great Fire of London using their specially built model of Pudding Lane.



As part of the Brent Sports Partnership, which we joined this year, our Y5/6 girl's football team headed off to compete against 22 other primary schools today, they were knocked out in the semi-finals, but had a most enjoyable time: well done. Our next sports meets will be the swimming gala in January and basketball in March.



### Winter Fayre

The Winter Fayre is fast approaching on the 12<sup>th</sup> December, from 3.30 – 5.30pm. As the fayre coincides with the general election when the nursery front room is used as a polling station, access to the fayre will be via the KS2 and reception playgrounds. Santa will be located in his grotto outside Middlesex classroom, while the reindeer will be in the KS2 playground. Inside there will be many other exciting stalls, including our raffle, a tombola, gingerbread decorating etc... Lower school choir will perform at 3.40pm and Upper school choir at 3.50pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.





**Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to our Trussell Trust Reverse Advent Calendar, we will deliver them with help from the PTA this week.**

**Next Friday is our Christmas lunch and all children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day.**

**Meanwhile, please don't forget all our Christmas performances, starting with the nursery nativity next Friday at 9.15am in the nursery, access will be via the nursery gate. Reception's performance will be in the dining room on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am, access will be via the KS1 gate. Year 5/6 will perform at St John's on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm, then its back to St John's on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> for Y3/4 at 10.00am; Y2 at 11.30am and Y1 at 2.00pm. A busy and exciting final week of term.**

**Please don't forget, reception applications for September 2020 must be submitted online by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020, if you need any assistance please see Lourdes de Lucia.**

**Have a wonderful weekend; see you all on Monday at 8.30am.**

**Warmest regards**

**Janine Ryan**

**Principal of Ark Franklin**