

# Upland Primary School

'Working Together, Learning Together, Achieving Together'



Church Road  
Bexleyheath DA7 4DG

10<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear parents and carers,

## Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) Christmas Tree Campaign 2019

The Christmas Tree Campaign began with one tree outside New Scotland Yard in Westminster. This tree was decorated with individual tags, which gave information on how to buy a present for a child in care. These presents were then handed in to Police Officers, who would distribute them to children.

In the last seven years, this campaign has taken place across London, with each of the 32 boroughs putting up a tree with tags on. The response from our people and public has been simply overwhelming.

In 2018, the campaign exceeded expectations, with 19,000 presents delivered to children across London. Many officers described this as some of the most rewarding work that they have done during their service, as the impact of uniformed police officers spending time with children managed to bring some cheer.

To advertise this campaign, every year the police have a poster with a picture designed by a primary school child. This year, every borough's Senior Leadership Team will pick a winner, whose picture will be made into a poster and will be used throughout the campaign on the borough. All borough winners, along with their families, will be invited to New Scotland Yard to watch the Commissioner switch on the lights to the main Christmas tree and also to the Metropolitan Police Christmas Carol service at Westminster Abbey. The Commissioner and the overall poster designed winner will switch on the Christmas tree lights.

If your child would like to design a poster then please submit it on A4 paper to the school office by 30<sup>th</sup> September because they will be collected on or before 3<sup>rd</sup> October by the police.

Yours faithfully,

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