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Dates for your Diary

Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June	Half Term
Monday 5 th June - Friday 9 th June	Year 6 - PGL
Tuesday 6 th June	FOBS Meeting @ 7.00 pm
Friday 9 th June	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Sunday 11 th June	St Albans Half Marathon & Fun Run
Sunday 11 th June	Choir @ The Radlett Festival
Tuesday 13 th June	New Reception Look In Session 1 4.00-5.00 pm
Friday 16 th June	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Friday 16 th June	Groovy Shoes Day for Rennie Grove Hospice £1 donation please.
Friday 16 th June	FOBS Father's Day Sale @ 3.05 pm
Friday 16 th June	FOBS Cinema Night £4 per child. Doors open at 5.15 pm for a prompt 5.30pm start. Collections at 7.15 pm prompt please.
Tuesday 20 th June	5C Science Eco Day
Tuesday 20 th June	District Sports @ Westminster Lodge
Wednesday 21 st June	New Reception Look In Session 2 10.30 am - 12.00 noon
Thursday 22 nd June	District Sports @ Westminster Lodge
Thursday 22 nd June	Bowmansgreen's Got Talent Final
Friday 23 rd June	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Thursday 27 th June	Reception - Paradise Wildlife Park
Thursday 29 th June	New Reception Look In 3 10.30 am - 12.00 noon
Thursday 29 th June	Non Uniform Day Please bring in items for the tombola in exchange for wearing non uniform
Friday 30 th June	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Saturday 1 st July	Summer Spectacular 11.30 am - 3.00 pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher's Message

It was lovely to see so many of you at school yesterday for our History Curriculum evening. These evenings are a fantastic opportunity to share work with parents and we hope you enjoy them and find them beneficial. A huge thank you to all of the staff who - yet again - planned such fun, creative learning experiences and to Ms Scoot who coordinated and organised the evening.

Uniform standards have slowly been declining this term and there is a noticeable amount of incorrect uniform, particularly footwear, which is being worn across the school. Please could you check your child's uniform, including shoes, and ensure that they return after the break in correct Bowmansgreen uniform. Please see the website for a reminder of the policy and expectations.

Our local library, based in the Caledon Club, has asked if we could politely remind parents that children should not be in the library unsupervised. An increasing number of Bowmansgreen pupils are waiting in the library after school which is of concern to the staff as they cannot be responsible for them. The library has stressed that Bowmansgreen pupils are always welcome in the library, but they must be accompanied by an adult.

It is always great to hear of the wonderful activities, fundraising and sporting events that your children take part in outside of school and we will always try and celebrate these successes at school. Please let the office know the details so that they can be acknowledged.

Please enjoy a restful half-term and we look forward to seeing you all in June.



Star for Kindness - May

Congratulations to Tassia in 6HS, our May Star for Kindness. Tassia was chosen by Miss Di Tella.

Sports Day - Change of Date

Please note that we have changed the date of our sports day, it will now be on Wednesday 5th July.

Cockerel Cards

Well done to the following children who received cockerel cards during the week to 26th May.

Izzy	1H	Achievement	Seyawash	4SP	Achievement
Riley	1H	Achievement	Lottie	5C	Bravo
Noah	1H	Achievement	Zeph	5C	Bravo
Seren	1H	Achievement	Natasha	5C	Achievement
Freddy	1H	Achievement	Bogdan	5C	Bravo
Emily	1H	Achievement	Dylan	5W	Achievement
Sunny	1H	Achievement	Kelyan	6G	Achievement
Aron	1H	Achievement	Sadiya	6G	Achievement
Bailey	1H	Achievement	Sara	6G	Achievement
Taylor	1H	Achievement	Devarssa	6G	Achievement
Miguel	1H	Achievement	Abdul	6G	Achievement
Aurora	1R	Bravo	Zsofia	6G	Achievement
Harry	3DT	Bravo	George	PSB	Achievement
Archie	3DT	Achievement	Tyler	PSB	Bravo
Phoebe	3DT	Bravo	Ruby	Rec BC	Achievement
Charlie	3DT	Bravo	Ryan	Rec BC	Achievement
Thomas	3S	Bravo	Robyn	Rec BC	Achievement
Ollie	3S	Bravo	Faye	Rec JD	Achievement
Darcie	4B	Bravo	Lucy	Rec JD	Achievement
Abbi	4B	Bravo	Mason	Rec JD	Achievement

FOBS - Summer Term Events

All children have been asked to make a Jazzy Jar, over the half term holiday, which will be sold at the Summer Spectacular. There will be a prize per year for the most creative/decorated jars. The items inside should cost no more than £1.00 and if they include sweets these should be individually wrapped. Thank you.



Tuesday 6th June

FOBS Meeting @ 7.00 pm

Friday 16th June

Father's Day Sale (3.05 pm in the mobile classroom)

Friday 16th June

Cinema Night @ 5.30 pm, doors will open @ 5.15pm for a prompt start at 5.30 pm

Thursday 29th June

Non-uniform day in exchange for tombola gifts

Saturday 1st July

Summer Spectacular (11.30 am - 3.00 pm)

Tuesday 11th July

FOBS Meeting @ 7.00 pm

Friday 14th July

Break the Rules Day

Churches Together Food Bank Dates

Please find below the dates for the food bank at The Baptist Church, Kings Road. It is open between 10.00 am & 11.00 am on:
Monday 12th June & Monday 26th June

Early Years News

This week

The children have enjoyed pretending to be the fierce Miss Trunchbull and the kind Miss Honey. They have been writing about the different characters and have pretended to be teachers in our role play area! In maths they have used different equipment to tell 'take-away stories' and solve other problems. The children have practised the correct number formation.

After Half Term

After half term the children will be learning about traditional tales. In the first week, they will be reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears and using storytelling language. In maths, they will be exploring the concept of halving and sharing as well as ordering the size of different items. We will be using language such as fair, equal, share, the same, small, big and medium.

Bike Ride

We have a new grand total of £505 from the bike ride and we are currently in the process of ordering some fantastic, exciting, new resources. Thanks again for your contributions.

Warm weather

We are very lucky in Reception as the children are able to make use of our outdoor area throughout the day as an important part of our curriculum however when the weather is warm they need to wear a sunhat and we also encourage the children to drink lots of water to keep cool. Therefore every child needs to bring a sunhat to school to help us keep them cool and well protected. Please make sure that it is labelled clearly with their name. You should also apply sun cream before school in the morning and if you want to you can send sun cream in for your child, again clearly labelled with their name, but they must be able to apply it themselves as we are not permitted to do this.

Attendance - Summer Term 2017

We are always striving to improve attendance at Bowmansgreen School. The table below shows how even one or two days off school may have a big impact on your child's learning. Please be reminded that we cannot authorise holidays during term time. We would also ask that you try and book appointments outside of school hours where possible.

% Attendance at the end of the Year	Days missed from school	Number of lessons missed
100	0	NONE
99.5	1	5
97.5	4	20
95	9.5	47
93	13	65
90	19	95
88	22	110
85	28	140
80	38	190
70	57	285
60	76	380

Class		Attendance % for Summer 2017
Rec - JD	Julia Donaldson	93.5
Rec - BC	Julia Donaldson	95.0
1H	Andy Goldsworthy	93.4
1R	David Hockney	98.4
2C	Michael Rosen	97.2
2T	Roald Dahl	97.4
3DT	Emma Wiggs	96.4
3S	Ellie Simmonds	97.8
4B	Isambard Kingdon Brunel	97.5
4WB	Mary Anning	98.0
5C	Anne Fine	98.3
5W	Sir David Attenborough	97.0
6G	Sir Douglas Bader	97.4
6HS	Tanni Grey-Thomson	95.4
PSB	Dame Kelly Holmes	91.3

History Curriculum Evening

Thank you to everyone who came along to the History Evening last night. It was a fabulous evening with a great atmosphere and it was fantastic to see so many families coming along to see the work that has been going on in school over the last few weeks.

Please see below for some examples of the work that was on display:



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



PSB

Year 6 Hoodies

Our Year 6 children were delighted on Thursday to receive their hoodies which were partially funded by FOBS (Friends of Bowmansgreen School).





FOBS - Disco

Thank you to everyone who came along to the disco last Friday - we raised an amazing £642.77.

Attendance

Best Attendance - 2C/4B

Most Improved - 2C

Reading Books

We have a number of "free reader" reading books (the ones with black stickers) missing at the moment. We would be grateful if children and parents/carers could check over the half term holiday to see if you have any school reading books at home. If you do, please could they be brought into school when we return. Thank you.

Breakfast Club News

We are so pleased to have some lovely weather as we have started our Wimbledon training at Breakfast Club!

Numbers are continuing to remain high as the children are starting to go outside and enjoy some of the sporting activities. After half term we will be starting our multi-sports mornings on the field. If your child would like to wear trainers they are welcome to bring them with them. Activities will include rounders, football, obstacle races and athletics.

This week's film was Fantastic Mr Fox which will continue after half term.

Groovy Shoes for Rennie Grove Hospice - Friday 16th June

We are very pleased to be supporting the Rennie Grove Hospice once again this year with their "Groovy Shoes Day". Children may wear their "groovy shoes" with their school uniform. We are asking for a £1.00 donation which will be sent to Rennie Grove Hospice. Even if your children don't think they have any 'groovy shoes' they can customise a normal pair with coloured laces, pipe cleaners, pompoms or whatever they can find.

By taking part in this event you will be helping to raise awareness for the care that Rennie Grove provides to local patients with cancer and life-limiting illnesses. Just £187 could fund a hospice at home nurse for an entire nursing shift, so every £1.00 that is raised really does count.

We look forward to seeing how creative the children can be. ☺



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The government website Childcare Choices, www.childcarechoices.gov.uk, which brings together all the government childcare offers for the first time has gone live. This website allows parents to sign up for tax-free childcare and check their eligibility for 30 hours free childcare.