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Dates for your Diary

Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May	Girls Football v Wix (Away)
Wednesday 3 rd May	Football 6 a side
Wednesday 3 rd May	Y6 PGL Meeting for Parents/Carers @ 6.30 pm
Thursday 4 th May	3DT (½ class) Science Eco Day
Thursday 4 th May	Reception Height/Weight/Hearing/Sight
Thursday 4 th May	St Albans Cup Finals (Away)
Friday 5 th May	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am

Dear Parents/Carers,

Class and Team Photographs

As you are aware, packs of class and team photographs were distributed earlier this week. If you would like to order any of the photographs, please complete the form attached to the proof copy, ensuring that either your card details are given or payment is enclosed in the envelope.

Please can we also remind you that all photograph orders are returned to school by next Friday, **5th May 2017**. This will avoid any late order fees. Thank you.

Attendance

Best Attendance - 3DT Most improved - 2T

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 8th & Monday 22nd May.**

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back. We are now into the final third of the year - how time flies!

Following on from the announcement that we have achieved Enhanced Healthy Schools Status, I have attached a copy of the confirmation letter from Herts for Learning Ltd. Please have a read as it makes so many positive comments about our lovely school which we should all be very proud of.

This afternoon some of our fantastic musicians took part in a concert performed to the rest of the school and their parents. It is always great to see how much they have grown in confidence and how far they have progressed with their instruments. What a talented bunch they are!

I am aware of recent news and reports about a spate of anti-social and criminal behaviour in the local area. I am sure that some of our pupils are also aware of general or specific incidents and some may be worried about what they may have seen or heard. As a school, we have a responsibility to teach pupils to be the best citizens that they can possibly be and we will be reinforcing the expectations of their behaviour both inside and outside of school and remind them of their responsibilities and expected conduct when wearing Bowmansgreen uniform in public.

Please be reminded that the back school gate will be closing at 4.30pm in the afternoons. Could we also ask that on the pick-up in the afternoons, children are encouraged to leave the school site promptly if they are independent travellers or that they find their parents and leave the site with them in good time if they are collected. There have been a number of occasions where pupils have been lingering on the school site at the end of the day, causing confusion with after school clubs and staff being worried that they have not been collected on time.

Next Friday will be our first morning celebration assembly. As I'm sure you are aware, it will also be Mrs Potter's last day. If you have not yet had the chance to say goodbye to her, then I have heard that she may be making a special appearance at breakfast club on Friday morning.

Reminders from the Office

During the day, we are requested to deliver many messages/packages to children which can cause disruption in the class. These can be packed lunches, PE kits or messages informing the teacher that they are going home with a friend, neighbour etc. Please can we ask you to make sure that children have what they need on arrival at school and that any changes to pick up arrangements are given in the morning to the class teacher (with the exception of emergencies, of course). The school office is extremely busy throughout the day and we are concerned that we may not be able to deliver the message/package in time, despite our very best efforts. Thank you.

Absence from School

Please could we remind parents/carers that you are required to telephone or text the school office on each day of your child/children's absence. This does include absence for religious holidays.

Medication Reminder

Unfortunately the school office is not allowed to give the children any antibiotics or Calpol/Nurofen during the school day. Parents/carers are more than welcome to come to the school and to give the medicine themselves.

School Mornings

The classroom and entrance doors are shut promptly at 8.45 am. If your child arrives after 8.45 am at the front entrance they need to come through the School Office. If they arrive at the back entrance please make sure they see the adult on the junior door so that we can be sure they are marked in. The back gate (Library side) is shut promptly at 9.00 am.

End of Day Arrangements

We would like to remind parents/carers that unless you have filled in the forms for your child to leave school independently the class teacher will only let the children leave if they are being collected by someone over the age of 16. Reception and KS1 finish at 3.00 pm and KS2 finish at 3.05 pm, please ensure your children are collected on time.

Packed Lunches

Please could we remind you that children should not bring in nuts or nutella sandwiches to school as we have several children in school who have severe allergies.

Birthdays

Unfortunately the school policy is that we do not allow children to bring in sweets/cakes to their class to celebrate their birthdays. This is because we are a healthy eating school and we also have a lot of children with allergies.

FOBS - Summer Term Events

Friday 12 th May	Decorate a cup cake (Theme "Summer Holidays")
Friday 19 th May	Disco (KS1 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm, KS2 6.45 pm - 8.00 pm)
May Half Term	Jazzy Jar Competition (they will be sold at the Summer Spectacular)
Saturday 20 th May	Quiz Night - Cancelled
Friday 16 th June	Father's Day Sale (3.05 pm in the mobile classroom)
Thursday 29 th June	Non-uniform day in exchange for tombola gifts
Friday 30 th June	Cinema Night (5.30 pm - 7.30 pm)
Saturday 1 st July	Summer Spectacular (11.30 am - 3.00 pm)
Friday 14 th July	Break the Rules Day

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are still collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. If you receive any vouchers please could you send them into School with your child. These vouchers enable the School to order extra sports equipment for all the children to use. Last year we used the vouchers sent in to purchase cooking, lunchtime and P.E. equipment. Thank you to everyone who made this possible ☺

Breakfast Club News

Next week we are starting our "Spring Activities", which means, weather permitting, that we can go outside and make use of our wonderful grounds. If you like tennis or just petting the guinea pigs then come for breakfast first, then enjoy our fun activities. Breakfast Club opens at 7.30 am. Only £2.00 per adult/child.