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Newsletter 2

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 18 th September	Year 6 Bikeability Week
Monday 18 th September	Boys Football v Bernards Heath - Home
Tuesday 19 th September	2TC $\frac{1}{2}$ class Eco Day
Tuesday 19 th September	Reception Reading Meeting @ 8.50 am & 2.30 pm
Tuesday 19 th September	FOBS Meeting @ 7.00 pm Parent Council @ 7.30pm
Thursday 21 st September	Cross Country League - Colney Heath School
Friday 22 nd September	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Friday 22 nd September	FOBS Cake Sale @ 3.05 pm
Friday 22 nd September	Girls Football v Skyswood

THEME DAY - STREET FOOD FESTIVAL THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2017

Hertfordshire Catering (HCL) have a Theme Day "Street Food Festival" on Thursday 5th October (which is also the School Census Day).

Letters and flyers were sent out this week to those children that have school packed lunches in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Letters and flyers were also sent to parents in Key Stage 1 whose children have school dinners.

We are inviting children to try the fun two course meal and we look forward to receiving the reply slips, confirming your child's meal choice, in the Office no later than **Tuesday 19th September** - this will give our Cook time to place the order.

- Key Stage 1 pupils are free
- Normal charges will still apply for Key Stage 2 pupils - there is option to pay via the School Gateway App.
- Free School Meals entitlement will apply.

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 25th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher's Message

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the curriculum meetings this week - I hope that you found them useful. At Bowmansgreen we have an open door policy and dialogue with parents regarding your child's learning and welfare and would always encourage you to ask staff questions or raise any concerns that you may have.

With the start of the new term, the parking and traffic on Telford Road and surrounding streets has predictably increased. Please be mindful of our very patient neighbours, when parking and dropping off and do not block their driveways. Also, please take care not to park on the zig zag lines so that our children can walk to and from school safely.

Please can parents be reminded that smoking is banned from the school site, including the smoking of e-cigarettes. In accordance with the promotion of healthy lifestyles and our commitment to the Healthy School's Initiative, the school site is a 'smokefree' area and as such, staff, governors, parents and visitors are not allowed to smoke anywhere within the boundaries of the School site.

We have been closely monitoring uniform standards and making the expectations clear to all pupils over the last fortnight. Please be reminded that 'Jo-Jo bows' and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Could parents please ensure children dismount and push their bikes and scooters when they enter the main gate.

A message from Miss Golding

It has been wonderful to meet many parents and carers this week and to see the pupils fully immersed in their learning. As part of my role in overseeing teaching and learning, I am currently leading the review of our homework policy. Through our new homework policy, we aim to provide clarity to parents and carers as to: how much homework will be set, the format it will be presented in, how and where it should be completed and how long it is expected to take. The key aim of the policy will be to ensure that our homework provides opportunities for the pupils to: consolidate their learning, deepen their understanding and prepare them for any work to come. The policy is currently being finalised and will be implemented from next week. Therefore, from next week homework will be set. I shall be writing to all parents and carers to share, clarify and explain key aspects of the new policy.

Claire Golding
Deputy Headteacher

Breakfast Club News from Mrs Stanley

Breakfast Club welcomed the new Reception Class children again this week. They are settling in extremely well and enjoying their breakfast. Don't forget that Breakfast Club opens at 7.30 am and the last breakfast is served at 8.10 am. The hall activities continue until 8.20 am when we all tidy away ready for the school day.

Breakfast Club is £3.00 first child/adult and £2.00 for siblings. We look forward to seeing you. ☺ If you would like any more information please ask for Mrs Stanley.

Free School Meals

This is to advise parents and carers that you are able to register and apply in any one of the following ways for free school meals.

- online at: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals
- smartphone: Using the LookingLocal app available from app stores
- Digital TV: The Community Channel - Press the red button
- Wii/Xbox/PS3: www.lookinglocal.gov.uk/hertsdirect
- phone: 0300 123 4084 between 8:00am and 8:00pm Monday to Friday, or between 9:00am and 4:00pm Saturday

If you would like any support or information about this process, please see the school office.

Early Years News from Ms Robbins

This week

This week the children have been busy talking about people who help them at home, doing paintings of family members, using the classroom well and now know where things belong. They enjoyed their first P.E. session and were very good at changing themselves back into their school uniform. Please make sure **ALL their clothes are clearly named!** All the children are settled at lunchtime and you should be very proud of how independent they are. Most children have talked about the 'Bag about me' from the summer holidays but we are aware there are some children we don't have bags in school for. If your child hasn't done this and they would like to please send it in next week as the deadline for this will be next Friday.

Next week

We will be talking about people who keep us healthy with a focus on doctors and nurses. In maths we will be looking at measurement and ordering including height and weight. In Literacy we will be looking at non-fiction books about doctors and nurses, making get well soon cards and labelling x-rays (parts of the body).

Reminder

On Tuesday (19th) next week I am holding two meetings at 8.50am and 2.30pm These are so I can explain the school's approach to reading, Tapestry (our on-line journey books) and how you can help your child at home with their home learning.

Classes/Key worker groups

Most of you should know who your child's key worker is and therefore which adult they're with. If they're with Miss Jones they'll be in Miss Davies' class and if they're with Mrs Clayworth then their class teacher will be Miss Robbins. If you are still not sure then please pop in and ask us in class or at the office.

Secondary School Open Evenings

Please find below the dates for the Secondary Transfer evenings:

Marlborough - St Albans	Thursday 21 st September	6.00 - 9.00 pm
Loreto College - St Albans	Tuesday 26 th September	6.00 - 9.00 pm
Townsend C of E - St Albans	Wednesday 27 th September	6.00 - 8.45 pm
Samuel Ryder Academy - St Albans	Thursday 28 th September	6.00 - 9.00 pm
Roundwood Park School - Harpenden	Thursday 28 th September	5.30 - 8.30 pm
Verulam School - St Albans	Saturday 30 th September	9.00 am - 12.00 noon
Parmiter's - Watford	Tuesday 3 rd October	4.00 - 8.30 pm
Sir John Lawes - Harpenden	Wednesday 4 th October	6.00 - 9.00 pm
Beaumont - St Albans	Wednesday 4 th October	5.45 - 8.45 pm
Nicholas Breakspear Catholic - St Albans	Thursday 5 th October	5.30 - 8.30 pm
STAGS - St Albans	Thursday 5 th October	6.00 - 9.00 pm
St George's School - Harpenden	Friday 6 th October	6.15 - 9.30 pm