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Newsletter 10

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Dates for your Diary	
Monday 20 th November	Boys v Killigrew (home)
Monday 20 th November	Girls Netball v Windermere (home)
Tuesday 21 st November	Home+School=Together Focus on KS2 Maths From 8.45 am in the mobile
Thursday 24 th November	Boys v Bernards Heath (home)
Friday 24 th November	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am Followed by a Music Concert from the children who have lessons with Mrs Street
Friday 24 th November	Boys v Skyswood (home)
Monday 27 th November	Girls Netball v SAS (away)
Tuesday 28 th November	6HW Trip to Airbus Science/Eco Day
Wednesday 29 th November	Girls Football v Wheatfields (away)
Thursday 30 th November	FOBS Non Uniform Day in exchange for items for Winter Wonderland Tombola
Thursday 30 th November	Boys v Sandridge (home)
Friday 1 st December	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Friday 1 st December	Christingle @ St Peter's Church (Year 6 Parents/Carers invited)
Saturday 2 nd December	FOBS Winter Wonderland 11.30 - 3.00
Tuesday 5 th December	4B ½ class Eco Morning (swimming as usual pm)
Tuesday 5 th December	Home+School=Together Focus - Wellbeing from 8.45 am in the mobile
Tuesday 5 th December	Reception Nativity to Parents/Carers @ 2.30 pm (Younger children welcome)
Wednesday 6 th December	KS1 Performance to Parents/Carers @ 9.30 am (Younger children welcome)
Wednesday 6 th December	Reception Nativity to Parents/Carers @ 2.30 m (Younger children welcome)
Thursday 7 th December	KS1 Performance to Parents/Carers @ 5.30 pm (No children under Year 7 please)
Friday 8 th December	Occasional Day - School Closed
w/b Monday 11 th December	School Christmas Post Box out
Monday 11 th December	Year 6 Height/Weight with School Nurses
Monday 11 th December	Year 1 Trip to Panto @ Watford
Tuesday 12 th December	4B ½ class Eco Morning (swimming as usual pm)
Tuesday 12 th December	Last swim for Year 4
Wednesday 13 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Panto to whole school
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day or Wear Red for £1.00 donations for Save the Children
Friday 15 th December	Year 3 & Year 4 Carols to Parents/Carers @ 9.30 am
Friday 15 th December	Class Christmas Party Afternoon

Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher's Message

What a spotacular Friday today has been!

It was great to see so many pupils (and staff!) in their spotty non-school uniform and Pudsey ears today, in support of Children in Need. A special thank you to Samuel and his dad who organised a stall of Pudsey merchandise which has helped the school to raise over £300 for this charity.

It is hard to believe that there are just over four weeks left until the Christmas holidays. As always, this half term will be incredibly busy at school and there will be lots of events and opportunities for the school community to come together. We appreciate that it is also a very busy time for families outside of school and that it can be particularly stressful not to mention expensive. The Baptist church in Kings Road offers support to members of the local community, via the foodbank and additional seasonal donations at Christmas. If Christmas is a particularly challenging time of year for you, and you are in need of additional support, please contact the school office, Miss Golding or Mrs Connell, in complete confidence, who will endeavour to access some advice, support and where possible, extra seasonal items.

I would like to draw your attention to an area within the Hertfordshire Directory website called the Families First portal. This site includes resources and information to support Hertfordshire families and can be accessed via the link below.

<https://directory.hertfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/hertfordshire/directory/familiesfirst.page?familiesfirstchannel=0>

Bowmansgreen uses the free School Gateway app as a means of communicating quickly and easily with parents via emails and texts and is also our preferred payment method. Please can I encourage all parents to download this app so that you do not miss out on important notifications. Please contact the office if you need help with this app.

Y5 Home Learning this half term has been amazing! Miss Golding and I have been so pleased by the creativity, thought and quality and particularly impressed by the Viking ships. Keep up the great work Year 5!

Enjoy a lovely weekend.

Reception News from Ms Robbins

This week

We have enjoyed making Elmers from the milk bottles we brought in. Also, we have been busy drawing some lovely pictures of jungle animals and had a go at writing our names. We have been hunting for tessellating patterns and now know which shapes will tessellate. Rehearsals for our Christmas play have begun and we all now know which part we will play.

Next week

We will be focusing on Nursery rhymes. There are a lot of these in our Christmas play and we need to make sure we know them. We will be looking at different objects and using 'wow' words to describe them. In maths we will be focusing on positional language and giving directions.

Christmas Play

We have sent home a letter to parents with every child this week letting you know their parts, what you need to provide for their costume and any lines they might need to learn.

Children in Need

Thank you to all the staff and children who dressed up today - so far we have raised a fantastic £352.19 for Children in Need.

Many thanks to Mr Freestone for bringing in badges, headbands and teddies which all proved very popular.



FOBS Winter Wonderland - Saturday 2nd December 11.30 am - 3.00 pm

Winter Wonderland - Wrapped Present Competition

It's time for our annual wrapped present competition. Children are asked to wrap a present, for no more than £1.00, and bring it into school by Friday 24th November. They will then be judged by Ms Lippa that afternoon. We will have a winner per year group who will receive a prize.

Winter Wonderland - Teddy Tombola

We would like to have a teddy tombola stall at the fair this year. If you have any unwanted teddies please drop them into the school office asap.

Winter Wonderland Tombola - Thursday 30th November

On Thursday 30th November children may wear non uniform in exchange for a donation for the Winter Wonderland tombola. Please could donations be new or unused items of food, drink, toiletries, stationery or gifts.

Winter Wonderland Raffle Tickets

Additional tickets are available from the school office. Please could we ask that any money and unsold tickets are returned to the office by Wednesday 29th November. Thank you.

Winter Wonderland - Saturday 2nd December

The build-up has started for this year's extravaganza! If you are interested in helping out, either on the day or beforehand, please let us know by email to FOBS@bowmansgreen.herts.sch.uk or via our Facebook page.



Anti-Bullying Week

This week we have supported national anti-bullying week. On Tuesday morning the school watched a performance by a theatre company focusing on issues related to cyber-bullying.



Sports News

Boys B v Bernards Heath

The B team hosted Bernards Heath on Monday in a friendly match. This game was the debut of Year 4 Archie in goal. The game was divided into thirds and as both teams had 8 players, it was decided that it should be an 8-a-side festival of football for all involved.

The first 2 thirds were very tight. Both keepers made good saves and it was 0-0 going into the last 10 minutes. Bernards Heath seemed to find more energy from somewhere and took control of the match with three quick goals. Bowmansgreen replied with a goal that was the best of the game as Dylan smashed the ball into the top corner from 20 yards.

A thoroughly entertaining match with a superb debut from Archie. Final score - Bowmansgreen 1-3 Bernards Heath.

Squad - Archie, Szymon, Zeph, Evan, Dylan, Tiago, Adam, Zak.

Bowmansgreen vs St. Bernadettes

The girls stepped on court for their second game of the season. The girls played incredibly well! They played a controlled game; defence worked hard to close down the opposition's attack and brought the ball safely through to our attack giving Sienna, Emily and Darcey the opportunity to score 8 goals between them, securing an 8-2 win! The girls displayed fantastic team spirit and fought hard throughout the entire game. Well played everyone!

Team - Leah, Kyeesha, Lacie, Bianca, Sienna, Lucy, Lily, Darcie, Abbi & Emily



Bowmansgreen v Fleetville

The boys had a tough visit to Fleetville. The Bowmansgreen side were made up of a mixture of year 5 and 6 pupils. Captain for the day was Albie who also stepped up to play in goal.

The final score was 3-0 to Fleetville but an improvement in play during the 2nd half gives encouragement for future games. 2 of the goals were scored by one of the tallest year 6 lads I have ever seen!

All in all, a defeat but some good performances, especially from Daniel and George.

Squad - Albie, Luke, Seyawash, Mirko, George, Daniel, Elijah.

Nearly New Uniform Sale

The next 'nearly new uniform sale' will be held on Monday, 20th November, outside the mobile classroom (or inside the mobile if it is raining!). All items are 50p and monies raised go directly to the school.

Please can we ask for any donations of nearly new school uniform items to be taken to the office so that we can offer this service throughout the school year. Many thanks, Mrs Manly and Ms Spindler.

Forest Schools

We would really like six wooden pallets to make hibernation homes and a bug hotel if anyone can help us out! We could collect if needed. Please speak to Mrs Stanley. Thank you.

Oreo the Rabbit

It is with sadness that we have to tell you that Oreo, our rabbit, sadly died on Thursday. He had been really well looked after by all the children and had very much enjoyed all the love and grooming given to him. He was sometimes very stubborn early in the mornings which made Mrs Stanley laugh as he thumped like 'Thumper' on the floor! He liked all the carrots and apples you gave him, with his favourite being kale! We will miss him very much. If you would like to draw a picture of Oreo or just have a chat about him, please see Mrs Stanley. Thank you.

Parent Council

Calling enthusiastic parents wanting to take a greater role in supporting their child's education - the next Parent Council meeting takes place next week on Wednesday 22nd November, 7.30pm at the school.

Just turn up or drop us a line at parentcouncil@bowmansgreen.herts.sch.uk, we'd really like to see more new parents, especially from the younger years of school.

Best Attendance

KS1 - 2TC

KS2 - 5JW



Road Safety Week - 20-26 November 2017

Road accidents remain one of the biggest causes of death and serious injury among children and young people, and dangerous roads also have a major impact on their ability to walk, cycle and live healthy active lifestyles. This makes it so important to develop everyone's awareness of the risks and also how the situation can be improved by individuals and communities now and in the future.

This year the main theme is 'Speed Down, Save Lives'.

Vehicle speed has been identified as a key risk factor in road traffic injuries, influencing both the risk of a road crash as well as the severity of the injuries that result from crashes. An increase in the average speed of 1m/h typically results in a 3% higher risk of a crash involving injury, with a 4-5% increase for crashes that result in fatalities (World Health Organisation)

Find out more about the week at [Road Safety Week 2017](http://roadsafetyweek.org.uk/) <http://roadsafetyweek.org.uk/> and take the [pledge](http://roadsafetyweek.org.uk/pledge) <http://roadsafetyweek.org.uk/pledge> Follow us @roadsafetyherts #roadsafetyweek

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 27th November

Breakfast Club News from Mrs Stanley



It was great to see everyone eating Pancakes and chocolate muffins this morning on Children in Need Friday. We then watched Despicable Me 3 and coloured in Pudsey Bear pictures. Thank you to Tesco for donating the lovely muffins and bread again and the Co-op for a box of bananas. We love it! Next week we start our Christmas activities with Arts and Crafts on Tuesday and Thursday. Breakfast Club opens every day at 7.30am. See you there.