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Newsletter 11

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Dates for your Diary	
Monday 27 th November	Girls Netball v SASS (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	Choir at the Abbey
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 @ 9.00 am
Friday 15 th December	Class Christmas Party Afternoon
Tuesday 19 th December	Term Ends at 1.30 pm
Wednesday 20 th December - Sunday 7 th January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 8 th January	Term Starts, Doors open from 8.35 am Breakfast Club is open as usual from 7.30 am

Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher's Message

This morning we enjoyed a special celebration assembly which featured a concert performed by pupils who have music lessons with Mrs Street. It was great to see and hear the progress that they have made since their last concert and it is further proof of just how talented they all are. I was so impressed by the confidence and courage of these children to perform in front of such a large audience and they should all be very proud of themselves. Thank you to Mrs Street for organising this concert and to parents for supporting your children with their practising and lessons

Please can parents be aware of arrangements for this year's carol concert - see next page. This concert will be performed by Y3 and Y4 and will take place on Friday December 15th at 9am.

This week's parent workshop focused on supporting children with the Key Stage Two maths curriculum. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and we hope that the parents who attended found the session useful. Thank you to Miss Golding and Miss Chilton for leading this workshop. Mrs Stanley and Mrs Manly have been busy planning up and coming workshops which will include sessions focused on first aid, spelling, e-safety, inspiring girls and asthma awareness. We really appreciate your support for these workshops and we are always open to suggestions for future sessions.

Next week we will be sending out a letter regarding school clubs for the Spring term and our new booking arrangements.

There is just over one week to go until Winter Wonderland. Thank you for supporting FOBS with your donations, teddy bears and wrapped presents. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next Saturday for a fantastic day and the opportunity to raise money for the school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Attendance

KS1 - 2TC
 KS2 - 5CW

Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert - Friday 15th December @ 9.00 am

This year our annual carol concert will be performed by the children in Year 3 and Year 4, rather than the whole of KS2. We understand that some parents/carers may be disappointed but we get an increasingly large number of people coming along and are restricted on the amount of children/adults we can have in the hall under our fire and safety regulations.

Our Year 6 children will be the main participants in the Christingle at St Peters Church on Friday 1st December, to which Year 6 parents/carers are invited.

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

Winter Wonderland - Wrapped Present Competition

A big thank you to all the children who brought in a wrapped present for the competition, they all looked amazing and made the judging very hard work. Congratulations to the children in each year group who won prizes.

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

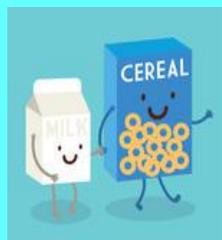
The build-up has started for this year's extravaganza! If you are interested in helping out, either on the day or beforehand, please let us know by email to FOBS@bowmansgreen.herts.sch.uk or via our Facebook page.



TOMBOLA



Breakfast Club News from Mrs Stanley



This week has seen the start of our Christmas activities and Christmas card production is in full swing! I hope those who have received wonderful, glittery cards already have been impressed.

Arts and Craft days are Tuesday and Thursday, so come along and make all your friends their cards.

We tried a new Dance Programme on Wednesday which was very popular. So if dancing is your thing, then come along each Wednesday and have some fun.

Open every day from 7.30am. See you there. ☺

School Admissions Consultation 2019/20

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2019/20 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed changes are:

1. To amend the wording and definition of 'Rule 5 - Nearest School' to include all schools and academies (regardless of status) unless that school or academy prioritises applications and allocates places on the basis of faith.
2. To include reference to the Shared Anti-Fraud Service in the definitions section in cases of fraudulent address verification.

The consultation period runs until 5 January 2018. Please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2019 for more information and to respond online.

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

Home Learning

I would like to take this opportunity to convey our many thanks for the support you are giving to your children, with regard to their home learning. Across the school, we have seen a huge improvement in the quality of work that the children are producing. It really is wonderful to see them taking so much care and pride in their learning. There have been some truly exceptional pieces of home learning, where the children have put an incredible amount of effort and time into their work. This is exemplified by the: Anglo-Saxon villages, Viking villages and Viking ships that have been created by pupils in Year Five.



Zoe (5CW)



Mirko (5JW)



Taeya (5CW)



Jack (5CW)

Throughout the school, the teachers are noticing how home learning is now positively impacting on classwork. The children are applying the spellings they are learning, within their written work, becoming more secure with mathematical concepts and have a much greater range of ideas for their writing. We are committed to raising the outcomes and rates of progress for every child and your support is greatly appreciated. Miss Golding

Parent Workshops

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers at our recent workshops, based on how to support your child with maths. Many thanks to those parents and carers who have completed the online evaluation and for the exceptionally positive feedback and comments we have received. During the parent workshops, some parents have explained that some of the mathematical vocabulary used within school is unfamiliar to them. Below is a link to an interactive maths dictionary that explains and exemplifies mathematical vocabulary and can be used as a tool for your reference, when supporting your child with their learning.

<http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/dictionary.html>

Year Six Mathematics Workshop

On Tuesday, six of our Year Six pupils (Lottie (6G), Lacie (6G), Scarlett (6HW), Maira (6HW), Jamyie (6HW) and Aneesah (6HW)) attended a Maths workshop, with a range of pupils from several other primary schools. Throughout the day, they participated in many problem solving activities, which highlighted how maths is used in the real world. All of the pupils shared many valuable contributions and developed their ability to reason mathematically. We were exceptionally proud of their **positive** attitude to learning throughout the day and they were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Sports News

Bowmansgreen Girls V St. Peter's

The girls played well in their last game against Mandeville and were very lucky, as our equalising goal was an own goal from a Mandeville player. This week the girls were required to pull their socks up and produce a strong performance. St. Peter's started the game well, with lots of attacking play. The Bowmansgreen girls did well to hold them off but got caught on the counter attack and found themselves 0-1 down. The pressure didn't last long, and Bowmansgreen soon found their equaliser through Laila, whose previous effort, minutes before, came agonisingly close. The girls were 1-1 at the break.

Again, St Peter's started strong but goal keeper Emily denied them finding the back of the net for a second goal. The performance from the girls was outstanding and the calm aura from Mia, Kyeesha and Lucy in defence seemed to spread throughout the team. The attacking play from the midfield grew stronger throughout the match and persistent chasing from Lacie got her the reward she deserved; not just one goal but two! Bowmansgreen didn't take their foot off the gas and held their two goal lead until the final whistle, bringing home the 3-1 win. Another fantastic performance, ensuring that they remain unbeaten in all competitions.



Team - Marilena, Lucy, Emily, Laila, Kyeesha, Lily, Lacie, Bianca & Sofia

Boys B v Killigrew

The boys B team played against Killigrew B on Monday and produced their best passing and defending of the season to win the game comfortably 2-0 and move up the League.

Zeph opened the scoring in the 1st half as the pressure told on the Killigrew keeper (who is the District A team goalkeeper) and the defence. He broke into the box and smashed the ball towards goal and a slight deflection took it into the net. The 2nd half was an example of how to keep the ball as the Bowmansgreen boys passed the ball quickly and into the right areas which led to Evan slamming a fine strike into the top corner.

Final score - Bowmansgreen B 2-0 Killigrew B Squad - Simon, Hugo, Owen, Zeph, Evan, Tobi, Youcef, Jack & Andrew.

Boys v Bernards Heath

The boys played really well tonight against Bernards Heath but came away losing 4-2 in an entertaining end to end match. Having learned lots from their last game against Fleetville, the Bowmansgreen team kept really good shape and defended well whilst George and Daniel were looking very dangerous when Bowmansgreen had possession.

Bernards Heath took the lead early on, only for Mirko to equalise with a spectacular long range effort that eluded the keeper. Bowmansgreen even took the lead when Daniel capitalised on a pass from George and finished well.

Bernards Heath were the better side as the game came to the end, scoring 3 goals to win the match 4-2 but it was a great improvement in performance from the Bowmansgreen side.

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