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Newsletter 12

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Dates for your Diary	
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)
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Thursday 7 th December	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
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

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 11th December

Winter Wonderland – Saturday 11.30 – 3.00

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at our Christmas Fair. Please come along and support us. There are lots of stalls, activities, Santa's Grotto and food/drink for you to enjoy. ☺



Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher's Message

The Christmas season is well and truly open! This afternoon, the whole school walked down to St Peter's church to enjoy a Christingle service led by Y6. It was a really lovely occasion and as always, our pupils did the school, their parents and - most importantly - themselves very proud. They sang their hearts out and the narrators and actors were super! Thank you to Mrs Platt for organising the service and ensuring such polished singing and acting from the pupils. Thank you also to all parents who volunteered and helped to walk pupils down to the church - we could not have done it without you!

Last week, Herts County Council carried out a 'criteria check' to see if a school crossing patrol for Bowmansgreen was deemed necessary. The check gave a measure of how busy the site is, and an indicator of the 'level of road safety risk to the children.' Regrettably, we have been informed that we did not meet the criteria for HCC to fund a crossing patrol.

Please be reminded that we are not able to allow parents into the school building unaccompanied, for the safety and protection of all pupils and staff. If parents wish to give messages to teachers, pupils or the school office, check lost property or look for lunch boxes, staff are always happy to help but may direct you to the office via the front entrance if they cannot accompany you at that time.

On Tuesday, we are hosting our next parent workshop which will focus on parent wellbeing and information about support and services in the local community. We have two visitors - Debbie Stewart and Adrian Woods - who will be leading this workshop which is open to all parents. This is our last-workshop-but-one before the Christmas break and it would be great to see you there.

Please see the attached letters regarding after-school clubs and the Key Stage One Nativity performance.

The school hall is currently being transformed... I look forward to seeing as many of you at our Winter Wonderland tomorrow as possible. It promises to be a fantastic day!

Doctor and Dental Appointments

Could we please remind parents/carers to try and book routine appointments outside of school hours as time out of class during the school day means that your child misses out on valuable learning.



Star for Kindness - November

Congratulations to Nafisa in 5JW, our November Star for Kindness. Nafisa was chosen by Mrs Wood.



Ms Scoot Award for Effort - November

Congratulations to Seren in 2TC, our November winner of the Ms Scoot Award for Effort. Seren was chosen by Miss Hicks.



Breakfast Club News from Mrs Stanley



At Breakfast Club, the countdown to Christmas has well and truly started!

With Christmas arts and crafts as well as 'Nativity' the Movie, we are feeling very festive.

We all enjoyed bacon, scrambled eggs and beans this morning, to set us up for the day ready for our lovely Christingle.

See you all on Monday at 7.30am.

Best Attendance

KS1 - 2TC

KS2 - 5JW

Home+School=Together

As requested by some parents at the start of term, we are proposing to hold a First Aid Course for Parents/Carers on Tuesday, 27th February 2018. Spaces will be limited to 24 places and will be offered on a first come, first served basis (we require a minimum of 12 participants for the course to go ahead). The course will cover:

Choking

Recognition, treatment & when to seek medical advice - Adult, Child & Baby

Bleeding

Types of wounds, treatment, minor injuries, nose bleeds, bites & stings

Burns

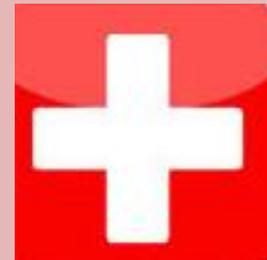
Causes, treatment, do's & don'ts & when to go to hospital - including electric shock

Poisonous Substances

Corrosive & Non-Corrosive substances, entry points & treatment

Fractures

Recognition & treatment



The cost will be £10.00 per person, which will need to be paid to secure your place on the course. Please reserve your place at the school office by Tuesday, 9th January. If you require any further information please speak to Ms Spindler or Mrs Stanley.

Severe Weather Conditions

We will make every effort to keep school open. However, in exceptional circumstances severe weather may mean that it is unsafe for children and staff to get in to school. If it becomes necessary to close the school or delay opening, parents/carers will be sent a text (If you have changed your mobile number recently please let us know.) Please bear in mind that when mobile phone networks become busy, text messages can be delayed. With this in mind, please also follow the guidance below:

Check the school website www.bowmansgreen.herts.sch.uk

Listen for updates on Three Counties Radio (103.8FM)

Sign up to the new Hertfordshire Schools Closure Notification System by following this link: member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489



Home Learning

This week Ryan (1B) and Bella (1B) produced an amazing Christingle, for their home learning task. It was fantastic to see how they had taken so much care in their learning, particularly in placing the red ribbon around the middle of the orange.

Taylor (2TC) and Morgan (2BC) also need to be commended for making a Christingle, in addition to completing their home learning tasks. We are very proud of their enthusiasm and commitment to their learning.



The Dogs Trust visit with Year 6

Gemma, The Dogs' Trust Education and Community Officer for Hertfordshire, came to visit Year 6 this week! Gemma delivered workshops on "Dogs in War". Year 6 learnt about how owners of pet dogs struggled during the war because of difficulties: food rationing made food for dogs scarce; air raid shelters did not allow dogs inside; and when families were evacuated they had to leave their dog behind. Year 6 also learned about ways they could help their dogs today, including: having a microchip to help their dog get back home if they are lost; providing a safe place for dogs to go to when they are scared, for example during fireworks.



We are looking forward to welcoming them back in January when they will be coming in to visit KS1.

Travelling Book Fair - Monday 4th - Wednesday 6th December

A Book Fair is a pop-up book shop that brings the very best in children's books to school. It lasts about a week and is a great opportunity to create a buzz about books for the children - as well as to earn free books and resources for your school.

Every Book Fair is packed with hundreds of the best children's books for all ages - from award-winners and the newest titles to pocket-money pick-ups and treasured classics. The range includes picture books, early readers, chapter books, books for reluctant readers, older fiction, non-fiction, home learning and lots more. It's a range you can trust too - every book is carefully read and selected by their Book Buying Team.

If you would like to purchase books the Book Fair will open after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week from 3.00 - 3.45 pm in Year 1. Every book sold at the Book Fair helps to earn Rewards that your School can spend on free books and resources for the classrooms and library. Each year, Travelling Books helps to donate £10 million worth of free books to schools across the UK and Ireland. As an example, for every £10 that you spend, your school can earn up to £6 back in Rewards to spend to refresh the range of children's books in your classrooms.

