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Newsletter 13

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Dates for your Diary	
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
Tuesday 12 th December	Home+School=Together Coffee Morning @ 9.00
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Performance @ 1.45 pm
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

Key Stage One has been extremely busy this week! Especially for Father Christmas, the Jolly Postman and Mr Rushforth! Your children have sung, entertained and really shone during their Christmas performances and judging by their huge grins, they have thoroughly enjoyed themselves! Thank you for supporting your children with costumes and learning their lines. They looked and sounded great!

We are really sorry that we had to change the seating expectations for the KS1 performances at such late notice. The fire safety regulations that we were recently reminded of relate to the amount of chairs we can have in the school hall if there are people also sitting on the floor. With the safety of your children our priority, we know the decision to limit seats was unhelpfully late and unpopular but we hope you understand that it was necessary. We are already thinking about how to prevent this from being an issue next year.

Thank you to the parents who attended this week's parent workshop. Pastor Adrian Woods provided information about how to access free, independent legal advice as well as the support available to local residents from the Churches Together foodbank. If you have any time or donations to give to the foodbank, Adrian would love to hear from you via email: londoncolneybc@gmail.com. Debbie Stewart shared some tips and suggestions about looking after our own well-being, especially during this busy festive period. Please see Debbie's top tips for managing stress over Christmas, attached to this newsletter.

These workshops have become a really worthwhile and well-supported part of our work with parents. Please look out for the timetable of spring workshops from Mrs Manly and Mrs Stanley. Next week is the final parent workshop of 2017. Please come and join us for a cup of tea, a mince pie and share your thoughts and suggestions about future workshops

Today was the final celebration assembly of 2017 and as always it was a pleasure to celebrate the successes and achievements of our fantastic pupils. Today that included congratulating super swimmers Leila, Jack and Lola who all took part in a local championship last weekend. Well done!

Winter Wonderland

Thank you to everyone who came along last Saturday - we hope you enjoyed the day and had a fantastic time. We are still counting the money so will let you know what we've raised next week. ☺

Amy Turner who was selling the wreaths in aid of Action for Children raised a fantastic £280 at the fair. Thank you to everyone who came along and bought one from her. ☺

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

Christmas Post Box

The school Christmas post box will go out next week. If your child would like to send cards please could you make sure that the recipients surname and class are on the envelopes.



Best Attendance

KS1 - 2TC
 KS2 - 5CW

School Choir

The choir have been super busy practicing for Christmas. They performed four songs at the Christmas fair where they looked and sounded fabulous. On Tuesday, they went along to the St Albans Abbey and joined together with the St Albans Primary School Music Association at their annual Carol Concert. The Abbey was packed with children and grown-ups and it felt very festive. A special mention to Mara (Y5) and Bianca (Y6) for performing their parts so well in front of so many people and well done to the whole choir for singing so beautifully. Thank you to those parents who came along to support the children on both occasions.

The KS1 music club performed four songs at the Christmas fair on Saturday. Not only did they look fantastic, but they sounded brilliant too. Well done to all those who came and thank you to their families for their support.

Early Years News from Miss Robbins

This week

We have performed our Christmas concert to an audience three times! Our first was on Monday, our dress rehearsal to the rest of the school and then twice to family and friends. The children looked fantastic in their costumes, remembered their parts well and enjoyed performing. Thank you to all of you who supported us by providing costumes and watching the play, we hope it gave you a little bit of a Christmas sparkle! In the classroom, we have been learning about the traditional tale 'Little Red Riding Hood' as it is part of our Christmas play. We made Big Bad Wolf wanted posters and tried to retell the story from memory. We have also learnt about Christmas traditions eg- putting up a Christmas tree and advent calendars. If you have any particular family traditions it would be great if you could share these on Tapestry.

Next week

We will be focusing on Christmas including the story of 'The First Christmas' and continuing with Christmas traditions eg - making decorations, writing Christmas cards and Father Christmas filling children's stockings. We have several events next week to attend as well, including Christmas dinner on Wednesday, a Christmas panto to watch on Thursday afternoon and Friday is Christmas Jumper day and class Christmas party afternoon...phew what a busy week!

Sports News from Mr Sanders

Bowmansgreen Girls v Wheatfields

The girls made the journey to play Wheatfields in the Wix 7 a side, knowing that it was going to be a tough assignment as Wheatfields had won all the games they had played this season so far. The game started well for the girls as great work from first Laila, then Mia, set up Lacie who finished brilliantly from a tight angle. 1-0 up after six minutes. The game was tight and end to end as two very good sides went head to head. Bowmansgreen defended superbly through Marilena, Lucy, Kyeesha and Sofia to keep the outstanding Wheatfields forward restricted to limited chances.

The second half was also very tough, Bowmansgreen were not creating too many chances as they looked to hold onto the lead. Wheatfields was dominating possession and territory, and both Marilena and Emily had to be alert to keep the score 1-0, clearing two chances off the line. Laila and Lily looked dangerous on the counter attack and was the perfect outlet who relieved pressure countless times. There were 30 seconds left when, for the first time, the Wheatfields forward had a clear sight of goal and made no mistake. A late equaliser!

Extra time started and Wheatfields went ahead for the first time in the 2nd half with a decent finish at the far post. Mia, playing her last game for the school before moving away, forced a great save from the Wheatfields keeper with just seconds left. The Bowmansgreen girls were superb against strong opposition, the toughest match of the season and they showed great character and resilience and this game proved how good the girls are and how far they have come.

Squad - Emily, Kyeesha, Marilena, Sofia, Mia, Laila, Lily, Lacie, Lucy.

Bowmansgreen v St Peters

A joint year 4/5 side hosted St Peters in a friendly match on Wednesday. The game started well for Bowmansgreen as Laila looked dangerous on the right side of midfield, forcing the St Peters keeper to save smartly at the near post early on. With players being in different positions as an experiment, it was St Peters who stung a surprise and opened the scoring, and the forward finishing well when one on one with Archie. Despite hitting the post through James, it took 15 minutes for Bowmansgreen to equalise. Laila created herself some space on the edge of the area and fired into the bottom corner.

Once this goal went in, Bowmansgreen again started to dominate but despite having eight shots in short succession, just couldn't find a way past the keeper. Archie had to be alert to make a fine save when called upon with four minutes to go, even though he hadn't touched the ball for ten minutes. Freddie, George and Tommy looked solid and the two year 4s, Luca and Jason, worked hard and fitted into the side perfectly. The winning goal came from the foot of Ollie. A through ball from James, who had held off the challenge of the defender, was taken in his stride and finished well past the advancing keeper.

A good performance and result. Squad - Archie, Freddie, George, Tommy, Ollie, James, Laila, Jason and Luca.

Breakfast Club News from Mrs Stanley



As we countdown to our Festive Break we hope you have enjoyed all the different activities and games. Just to let you know our Special Friday Breakfast next Friday will be sausages, scrambled eggs and beans. Please join us in your Christmas Jumpers!

Have a lovely long weekend and see you on Monday 7.30am.

Travelling Book Shop

This week we hosted a Travelling Book fair after school, in Year 1. You purchased £250 worth of books which has meant that the school has been able to stock up on some new books for the class book corners. Thank you to Miss Brennan, Miss Hicks and Mrs Pratchett for running the fair over the three days.