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Newsletter 15

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Dates for your Diary	
W/B Mon 15 th Jan	Year 5 Bikeability Course
Monday 15 th Jan	Girls Football v St Peters (Away)
Tuesday 16 th Jan	5CW ½ class Eco Day
Tuesday 16 th Jan	FOBS AGM/Meeting @ 7.00pm
Wednesday 17 th Jan	Girls Football v SASS (Home)
Thursday 18 th Jan	Outer Space Workshop for Rec, Y1 & Y2
Thursday 18 th Jan	Boys Football v Oakwood (Away)
Friday 19 th Jan	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Friday 19 th Jan	Girls Football v Garden Fields (Away)
Monday 22 nd Jan	Girls Football v Garden Fields (Home)
Monday 22 nd Jan	Space to Earth View Workshops - Whole School
Tuesday 23 rd Jan	2TC Trip to Airbus Science/Eco
Tuesday 23 rd Jan	Parent Workshop - Relationships & Sex Education
Wednesday 24 th Jan	Girls Football v Fleetville (Away)
Thursday 25 th Jan	Boys Football v Skyswood (Home)
Friday 26 th Jan	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Friday 26 th Jan	Boys Football v Mandeville (Away)
Monday 29 th Jan	Y3/Y4 Boys Football v Garden Fields (Away)
Tuesday 30 th Jan	5CW ½ class Eco Day
Tuesday 30 th Jan	Team GB Athlete Marilyn Okorro in for Workshops - Whole School
Wednesday 31 st Jan	Year 5 @ Young Voices (estimated arrival time back at School 11.00pm)
Wednesday 31 st Jan	Girls Football v Skyswood (Home)
Thursday 1 st Feb	Whole School Sponsored Event - raising money for Team GB Athlete Marilyn Okorro
Thursday 1 st Feb	Boys Football v Aboyne Lodge (Away)
Friday 2 nd Feb	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Monday 5 th Feb	Boys Football v Killigrew (Home)
Tuesday 6 th Feb	Parent Workshop - Grammar
Tuesday 6 th Feb	6G ½ class Eco Day
Wednesday 7 th Feb	Boys Football v Margaret Wix (Away)
Thursday 8 th Feb	Maths Curriculum Evening - All welcome 3.00pm - 4.00pm & 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Thursday 8 th Feb	Boys Football v Skyswood (Home)
Friday 9 th Feb	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb	HALF TERM

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back!

Your children have returned to school after the Christmas break with positive, enthusiastic attitudes and have settled down to some great learning this week.

Our school value for this half-term is Friendship. We will be talking to pupils about the qualities and characteristics that make a good friend as well as discussing the importance of friends in our lives. Friendship will be the theme of assemblies and circle time activities and staff will be on the look-out for pupils seen demonstrating this value.

Our programme of parent workshops continues on January 23rd with a focus on PSHE and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). We would encourage parents to attend this session to find out what RSE your child is taught at different stages of their school career and what policy changes are coming into effect during the next year.

Our full programme of after school clubs starts next week. We would welcome any feedback on the new booking system so that we can further improve this process for next term.

On Tuesday January 30th we will be visited by a Team GB athlete who will be leading an inspirational assembly as well as pupil workshops. To support Team GB as well as raise money for school PE equipment, later this month, we will be running a sponsored challenge for all pupils to take part in. More information will follow next week.

Enjoy a lovely weekend.

Ms Scoot Award for Effort - December

Congratulations to Harry in 1H, our December winner of the Ms Scoot Award for Effort. Harry was chosen by Miss Davies.



Star for Kindness - December

Congratulations to Marilena in 6HW, our December Star for Kindness. Marilena was chosen by Mr Bailes.



Parent Workshops

This term's parent workshops take place on the dates shown below between 9.00am and 10am. All parents are welcome and are encouraged to come along if you can. Refreshments are provided from 8.45am and younger siblings are welcome too.

- Tuesday 23rd January - Relationships and Sex Education
- Tuesday 6th February - English (Grammar &
- Tuesday 20th February - NSPCC - Child Protection
- Tuesday 27th February - First Aid for Parents (If you have booked online)
- Tuesday 13th March - Inspiring Girls
- Tuesday 27th March - Computing

The Dog's Trust

Gemma (Dogs Trust's Education and Community Officer for Hertfordshire) visited us again this week to work with Reception up to Year 3 and to give us all an assembly on staying safe around dogs!

In assembly, the whole school learnt the three steps to safely stroke a dog:

1. Ask the owner if you can
2. Let the dog sniff the back of your hand
3. Ask the owner where you should stroke the dog.

In their workshops, pupils learnt about the times it would not be safe to stroke a dog. For example, if we might disturb them, such as when they are eating or sleeping or if they are without their owner.



Breakfast Club News from Mrs Stanley



Happy New Year!

We have had a busy first week back and enjoyed our Danish pastries this morning - thank you Tesco's!

Week beginning Monday 22nd January is National Farmhouse Breakfast Week. Watch this space for the competitions and games we have planned all week, finishing with our Farmhouse Breakfast of bacon, scrambled eggs and beans on Friday 26th January. See you there. ☺

Sports News from Mr Sanders

Boys v SASS

The boys hosted St Alban & St Stephen in the league this afternoon and won 4-0. All the goals were scored in the first half with James scoring 3 and George smashing the 4th just before half time. The lads started well and James looked dangerous as he poached all 3 goals from inside the area following good work from Ollie and Alfie. Ollie also created George's goal with good footwork inside the area. Alfie, Isa, Jack and Freddie made sure that Teye was a spectator throughout the whole first half.

The 2nd half was slightly different as SASS finally woke up and put more pressure on the Bowmansgreen defenders. Tommy had to work hard to break up the attacks from the centre of midfield and Teye was alert with his positioning and handling as SASS created far more than they had in the first half.

Final Score Bowmansgreen 4-0 SASS

Team Jack, Teye, George, Freddie, Alfie, Tommy, James, Ollie & Isa



Attendance

KS1 - 2BC (Miss Chilton)

KS2 - 3D (Miss Ditella)

Home Learning

Following on from the Parent Workshops some parents and carers have suggested that a glossary of the key English and mathematical vocabulary we use in school would help them to support their children at home.

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

This is an online maths dictionary, which provides clear explanations and examples of key vocabulary.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/244216/English_Glossary.pdf

This is a link to the English national curriculum glossary. The glossary includes all of the technical grammatical terms used in the programmes of study for English, as well as others that might be useful. It is intended as an aid for teachers, not as the body of knowledge that should be learnt by pupils. However, it may be a useful reference tool for parents and carers to help identify the definition and seek exemplification of terms your child maybe using or be expected to use.

Primary School Admissions - Reception

Please be reminded that the **deadline** for on time applications for Reception admissions for 2018/19 is next **Monday, 15th January**.

If you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, please ensure that you make your application before this date, even if you already have a sibling attending Bowmansgreen. Hertfordshire County Council does not make exceptions for late applications.

Please use the web address below to access the online application system:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions>