

Newsletter 35

28th June 2018

Dates for your Diary

Mon 2 nd July	Kwik Cricket v Fleetville 3.00pm-5.00pm
Tue 3 rd July	Parent Workshop - Supporting Children's Behaviour @ 9.00am in the mobile classroom
Wed 4 th July	Sports Day (KS1 - 9.15am, KS2 - 1.10pm)
Thu 5 th July	4B Trip to AIRBUS
Thu 5 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Thu 5 th July	Year 3 Ukulele Concert @ 2.30pm
Thu 5 th July	Bowmansgreen's Got Talent 6.00pm-7.00pm
Fri 6 th July	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Sat 7 th July	Girls Football Tournament @ Fleetville
Tue 10 th July	Year 6 Play to Parents/Carers - Siblings welcome @ 2.00pm
Wed 11 th July	Year 6 Play to Parents/Carers - No children under Year 7 please @ 7.00pm
Thu 12 th July	Secondary Transfer Day
Thu 12 th July	Year 5 First Aid Training
Fri 13 th July	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Tue 17 th July	EYFS Eco Day
Tue 17 th July	Parent Workshop - Home Learning - follow up @ 9.00am in the mobile classroom
Tue 17 th July	Last swim for Year 3
Tue 17 th July	Reports out to Parents/Carers
Thu 19 th July	Curriculum/Open Evening 3.00pm - 4.00pm & 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Fri 20 th July	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00am
Tue 24 th July	Year 6 Games/activities afternoon
Wed 25 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 11.00am Year 6 finish @ 12.00 Term Ends @ 1.30pm

Sports Day

Rec/KS1 will start at 9.15am. Please can children come to school in their PE kit which they will stay in for the afternoon as well.

KS2 will start at 1.10pm. Children should come to school in their school uniform and they will change in to PE kits at lunchtime.

Please ensure that children have their trainers, sun cream, hats and water bottles with them. Please can parents/carers arrive through the main gate.

Headteacher's Message

Last Saturday, the Bowmansgreen Summer Fair took place. It was a wonderful day, with families enjoying the stalls, great performances and glorious weather. Thank you to everyone involved in making the day such a success. A special thank you to the FOBS committee and wider circle of volunteers for organising the day.

This week we welcomed our new reception children to Bowmansgreen for their third visit to help them to get to know the school, their teachers and their classroom. We look forward to seeing them in September.

This afternoon, Bowmansgreen was treated to a very special concert performance. First the Bowmansgreen school choir sang "Safe and Free". They were followed by the National Youth Choir of Antigua and Barbuda who entertained the whole school and some of our parents with singing, dancing and drumming. The performance was amazing and pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed listening and joining in. The Choir were joined on stage by the High Commissioner who extended her thanks and commented on how warm and welcoming Bowmansgreen had been. The Choir is currently on a tour of England to bring awareness to the destruction caused by hurricane Irma which devastated the tiny Caribbean island of Barbuda last year.

Today, Bowmansgreen said goodbye to Miss Brennan who is leaving the UK to emigrate to Australia where she will begin a new adventure with her family. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Brennan for all of the hard work and commitment that she has given to Bowmansgreen during her time with us. I know that you will join me in wishing her the very best of luck and happiness in her new life in Australia.

Next week is looking busy with Sports day, the Year 3 Ukulele Concert and the Bowmansgreen's Got Talent final. I hope to see you at one of these events.

Enjoy a lovely weekend.

Parent Workshops

This term's parent workshops take place on the dates shown below. All parents are welcome and are encouraged to come along if you can. They start at 9.00am and refreshments are provided.

Tues 3rd July: Supporting Children's Challenging Behaviour

Tues 17th July: Home Learning - follow up

Reception News from Miss Robbins

This week

Our theme was the traditional tale 'Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We had a go at retelling the story using construction equipment; building bridges was quite a challenge! We all designed and drew a troll. I was very impressed by how ugly the children made them look! We then wrote about them using some great descriptive words. We all designed and made a board game with a friend based on traditional tales. We will have them out to play with at next weeks 'Maths Registration'.

Next week

Our theme will be the traditional tale 'The Gingerbread Man'. We will be reading the story and recipe of gingerbread in our Literacy sessions and looking at weighing and measuring out the ingredients in Maths. Wednesday morning is Reception and Key Stage 1's sports day. Please come along and support the children; they have been practising very hard!

Tapestry

As the children's Tapestry journals form part of the children's reports we will be finishing them in time to print them off. Therefore next Friday is the last day for adding to them. If you have any anything for Tapestry please do so by this date otherwise they will not be included in the printout.

Free School Meals

Since 1st April 2018 there have been changes to the eligibility for Free School Meals.

Parents in receipt of any of the following are entitled to free school meals for their children at school:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400)

Due to the roll-out of Universal Credits, if your child is eligible for free school meals from 1st April 2018, they will remain eligible until 31 March 2022 or until they finish their current phase of schooling (primary or secondary). Applications can be made online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk and then click on 'Free School Meals'. If you are not sure if you are eligible we recommend that you contact Herts County Council on 0300 123 4048 or the school to discuss further.

Guitar Lessons

Our Ukulele teacher is offering private guitar lessons for our pupils either in groups of 2 to 4 or on an individual basis. Group lessons cost up to £8 for 20 minutes, individual lessons cost £12 for 20 minutes or £15 for 30 minutes. Pupils will need to purchase or hire a guitar (£5 per month from <http://www.britanniamusicshop.co.uk/ClassicalGuitarHire.html>). Please contact the school office to register your interest for group or individual lessons.

Sports News from Mr Sanders

A tough first encounter against Fleetville was a real lesson in how to play cricket which the Bowmansgreen players learned so much from. Fleetville fielded two County players and two girls who play club cricket, which made it a tough battle. Despite trying very hard the final score was 129 - 59.

The second game was an outstanding performance against Bernards Heath and ended up with a victory for Bowmansgreen. The batting was superb and the bowling was fantastic. Final score 94 - 85

The final game was very close and could have gone either way. Bowmansgreen batted first and struggled to hit the boundaries needed to post a good score. It was in the final over that the game was won by Garden Fields as they scored 12 runs to secure victory. Final score 75 - 90. Overall record Played 3 Won 1 Lost 2

Well done to all the players in the heat!

Emily, Kyeesha, Lucy, Dylan, Evan, Rotimi, George & Freddie.



Shaolin Monk Temple Visit

On Tuesday a few children from Bowmansgreen went to the Shaolin Monk Temple in Cheshunt to see where their tutor trains and works.

After a fantastic display by the tutors, the children were sent off to various disciplines including Meditation, Calligraphy and Kick boxing. The children have learnt so much and come a long way under the guidance of their tutors. Well done boys!

