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Dates for your Diary

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
Thu 26 th July to Fri 31 st August	SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Mon 3 rd September	INSET DAY
Tue 4 th September	Term Starts (Breakfast Club open from 7.30am)

Parent Workshops

This term's last parent workshop will take place on Tuesday 17th July. All parents/carers are welcome to come along. It will start at 9.00am and refreshments are provided.

Topic: Home Learning - follow up

This Week's Author, Reader & Mathematician of the Week

Congratulations to:

Author of the week

KS1 Rec JD Meila & KS2 6HW Leila

Reader of the week

KS1 2BC Rose & KS2 3S Lea

Mathematician of the week

KS1 1B Raudah & KS2 5CW Maddie



Headteacher's Message

On Tuesday and Wednesday, our Year 6 pupils performed their end of year play - 'Pirates of the Curry Bean.' What an amazing performance! They really did themselves and the rest of the school proud with their fantastic acting and singing. Thank you to all of the staff involved in bringing the production to life. Well done Y6!

This week, Year 5 received first aid training delivered by St John's Ambulance Service. They are now very well skilled up to dress injuries with bandages and even had the opportunity to practise CPR.

Please be reminded that dogs are not allowed on the school site unless they are guide dogs or trained assistance dogs.

Next Wednesday, we will be confirming your child's new class and teacher for September. I do not take decisions about staffing lightly and I know that the process of transition for many pupils, including meeting their new teacher and seeing their new classroom, can be very anxious and complicated. We try very hard to create the best 'fit' of class and teacher and ultimately, our decisions centre on what we think is best for our pupils.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have a number of members of staff leaving at the end of term, some vacating class teaching positions. We have been busily and carefully recruiting and I am excited to announce that we have several new teachers joining Bowmansgreen in the autumn term. Not all of these new members of staff are able to attend the 'meet the teacher' session for pupils on Wednesday morning or Thursday's curriculum evening, which are the two main opportunities for your children to put faces to names and get to know their new teachers. This is mainly due to the commitments that they have in their existing schools, not because they do not want to be here. Once you know the classes, we will confirm which teachers are not able to attend one or both events and let you know of when you can come into school to meet them in September.

Enjoy a lovely weekend.

Book Swap - Friday 20th July from 2.45pm

Please come along to our last book swap of the term next Friday from 2.45pm. It will take place in the mobile classroom.

We hope to see you there! ☺

Early Years News from Miss Robbins

This week

We have been learning about 'Peace' and what it means to be peaceful. We talked about where we would go if we wanted to be calm and relaxed. Most of the children said they liked to relax in their bedrooms, some on the sofa and some in the garden. We all then made our own 'Peaceful Place' using all sorts of equipment. Some used bricks, some did box models, some drew and some used the iPads. We learnt about peaceful places in the environment and found out what it's like to be in a Church, a Mosque or a Synagogue. We talked about what was similar and what was different. We also talked about how you might feel inside one of these places of worship and how to be respectful by being calm and quiet.

Next week

We will continue with the theme of 'Peace' and of course, we will be visiting St Albans Cathedral, which will be our focus for the end of the week. We will use the book 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy. We will also be talking about transition into Year 1 and will be visiting the Year 1 classrooms. Unfortunately, we are on our school trip on transition day but will organise a visit on another day of next week. We will also be having our last curriculum evening of the year which is also an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher for next year.

Year 6 Performance

Well done to all of Year 6 who put on two fantastic performances of their end of term play "The Pirates of the Curry Bean!". All the children were amazing and their hard work certainly paid off. A big thank you must also go to Mr Gowler, Mr Harnden, Mrs Wood, Mrs Flatt, Mrs Neville and Mrs Murphy for all their hard work behind the scenes. 😊



Sports News from Miss Hancock

On Saturday, two teams attended the St Albans Annual Girls 6-a-Side Tournament at Fleetville School.

The A team had four group games to play and produced great results. Their first was against Garden Fields and after a fantastic long range shot from Laila, they bagged their first three points and a 1-0 win. Their second match was against Fleetville - one that the girls were very eager to win. They played some fantastic football and caught Fleetville on the break which allowed Marielena to seal the deal and another 1-0 win. Clean sheets seemed to be the A team's thing as their third group game got them to 9 points after another 1-0 win. This time, it was Lily who managed to fire home against Oakwood. Having already won the group, the last group game held less importance but the girls were not giving up. They continued defending well at the back but couldn't seem to find the net and came away with a 0-0 draw. Their fantastic run of results meant that they qualified for the quarter finals however, after being on top all game, neither team broke the deadlock. The girls were taken to penalties and were unfortunately knocked out after reaching sudden death. A fantastic day for the A team and a great performance, which for many, was their last for Bowmansgreen.

A Team - Emily, Kyeesha, Lucy, Lacie, Lily, Laila, Marielena and Sofia



The B team had 5 games to play and got off to a great start against Skyswood, after Ava managed to slot the ball home. A great work rate from all the team in the second game meant that they did not concede and grabbed themselves another point after a 0-0 draw. Another three points swiftly followed as they beat How Wood 1-0. A late goal from Rhia meant the hard work paid off. With the heat getting stronger throughout the day, the B team were feeling a little jaded and unfortunately lost their last two group games. This meant that they finished third in their group and narrowly missed out on a qualification spot for the quarter finals. This was the first time this B team had played together and show a lot of promise for next year.

B Team - Anisa, Jacey, Ava, Abbi, Darcy, Ria-Rose and Rhia



School Meals

Thank you all for your support with the trial of Live Kitchen. The trial is ongoing and we welcome any feedback you have on this. We know there have been a few issues regarding updated balances on Schoolcomms but please be assured these are hopefully now resolved. Balances on Schoolcomms should be correct daily at approximately 5pm when the two systems synchronise. We are also aware of texts being sent regarding balances. You will now receive a reminder text if your debt amounts to more than £24.50 which is two weeks' worth of meals.

If you are ordering school meals at home, please ensure you and your child order the meals together so they know what to expect when they collect their meal in the dining room.

Year 6 parents - if your child has school meals could you please ensure that the balance is cleared by Friday 20th July, and payment for any meals for the week commencing 23rd July are paid in advance. Meals cost £2.45 per day. Please contact the office in the event of a query.

We have attached a copy of our updated School Meal Payments & Debt Policy. This policy will be published on our website.