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Newsletter 7

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 22 nd October	Individual and sibling photos
Tuesday 23 rd October	2LC Eco Trip Airbus
Wednesday 24 th October	Year 4 Trip to Roman Museum
Thursday 25 th October	School Nurses in for Nasal Flu Immunisation (Rec - Year 5)
Thursday 25 th October	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Thursday 25 th October	Curriculum Evening 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm & 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Friday 26 th October	Inset Day - School Closed
Mon 29 th Oct - Fri 2 nd Nov	Half Term
Tuesday 6 th November	3S Eco Trip Airbus
Friday 9 th November	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Saturday 10 th November	School Open Morning 9.00 am - 11.30 am
W/B Monday 12 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 13 th November	3C Eco Trip Airbus
Tuesday 13 th November	FOBS Meeting @ 9.00 am (Dining Room)
Friday 15 th November	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Tuesday 20 th November	4C ½ class Eco Day - Agrivert
Thursday 22 nd November	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Thursday 22 nd November	School Nurses - Year 6 Height/Weight
Friday 23 rd November	Inset Day - School Closed

Headteacher's Message

Last Friday was disco night at Bowmansgreen. The children had lots of fun and really enjoyed themselves. It was great to see so many of our reception pupils enjoying their first Bowmansgreen disco. Thank you to FOBS for organising this event.

DSPL is a Hertfordshire-wide partnership approach where parents, carers, schools, colleges and other agencies work together as part of an Area Group - Bowmansgreen is part of DSPL7. I would like to draw parents' attention to the DSPL7 website which provides information, resources and training for schools and families in the St Albans and Harpenden areas. <http://dspl7.org.uk/support-for-parents-settings/>

I am sad to announce that Mrs Murphy O'Connor will not be returning to Bowmansgreen after her maternity leave. For those of you whose children have been taught by Mrs Murphy O'Connor, you will appreciate what a loss she will be to Bowmansgreen and I know you will join me in wishing her and her family the very best of luck for the future.

As a 'nut free school' we do not allow nuts or food products made from nuts to be brought into school for snack or lunchtimes. This includes Nutella and other similar spreads. This is a policy that we are unwavering in due to the serious danger to health, and potentially life, for pupils who have a severe nut allergy. It is very awkward and embarrassing for your children if they are asked about the contents of their lunch or reminded about the rules and we hope that you will appreciate why the burden of responsibility must fall upon parents and carers to ensure that your children are not put in this position.

Please could I remind parents that all uniform should be named. Mountains of uniform have already begun to build up across the school after just seven weeks and we have no hope of returning it to the owners unless it is clearly named.

If you have been following the school's twitter account, you will have seen the pictures of Year 6 having fun in Osmington Bay. They are due back from their journey later this afternoon and I look forward to hearing about their week away.

We have photographers in school on Monday to take individual pictures of pupils that parents can buy if they choose. We are trying out a new company this year that have offered a different package for parents. We would welcome your feedback on the quality and affordability of the photos, especially in comparison with previous photos.

Next Thursday we are holding our first Curriculum Evening of the year. All pupils will have work available to share with you which will be based around the theme of 'love.' We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Please be reminded that school is closed next Friday 26th October as it is an INSET day.

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

Congratulations to:

Author of the week

KS1 Zachary Rec RM & KS2 Scarlet 3C

Reader of the week

KS1 Frankie 2BC & KS2 Lexi 4S

Mathematician of the week

KS1 Indy 1O & KS2 Jason 5JW



Early Years News

This week

This week the children have been learning about the inventor of the traffic light. Ask your child who this inventor is and how does he help us?

We have been continuing to learn our letter sounds. Ask your child to teach you the actions for "S" "A" "P" "I" "N" "M" "D" "G" "O". We have been doing lots of sounding out and practising forming these letters. Can you continue to practise to form these letters? Ask your child to teach you the actions for the new sounds.

We have also looked at the tricky word "I".

In Maths we have been making repeated patterns with colours, shapes and objects. We made patterns using cubes and threading. Can you spot any patterns at home?

Next week

The children will be choosing a person they have learnt about this term and will be writing in speech bubbles to say what they do and how they help. We will continue to write the weekend news - so please talk to your child about what they have done over the weekend! They have really enjoyed telling us what they get up to with you. In Maths we will be looking at addition by adding objects together and finding the total.

Reading

Parents - please remember to sign and comment on your child's home reading journal.

Year 6 - Secondary School Applications

Reminder to all year 6 parents/carers that the deadline for your child's secondary school applications is **Wednesday 31st October**.

It is recommended that parents/carers complete the form by Friday 26th October as there will be limited support over the weekend for anyone having trouble applying online.

Charlie K - Hockey

Last weekend, Charlie in Year 5 played her first competitive matches, as a hockey goalkeeper for Welwyn Garden City in an U12 County tournament. She was playing against girls already in secondary school and did really well winning the 'player of the competition' for her team. In addition, Charlie bought her kit to Monday's after school hockey club so that everyone could experience shooting at a goalkeeper and once again she did very well and everyone was appreciative of her efforts.



Charlie has a long season ahead with a lot of training and matches to come and we wish her the best of luck.

Sports News from Miss Hancock

Girls B V Skyswood B

This Monday, the girls B team took a trip to Skyswood for a friendly match. For many of the girls, it was their first competitive game representing the school. After taking a little while to settle into the flow of the match, the girls started to look stronger in their tackles and find a few passes to feet. They some good chances in which they were unlucky not to find themselves grabbing a goal however they defended well to keep the game at 0-0 for much of the time. They were unlucky to have conceded a goal through an attempt at a defensive clearance that unfortunately ended up in the back of our own net. The final score was 1-0 to Skyswood.



The girls played very well and we look forward to our next match!

Team: Erin, Amy, Lucy, Tayla, Bonnie, Megan, Chisom and Phoebe.