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Newsletter 12

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Dates for your Diary

Saturday 1 st December	FOBS Winter Wonderland 11.30 am - 3.00 pm
Monday 3 rd December	KS1 Nativity to Parents/Carers @ 2.00 pm
Monday 3 rd December	Choir performing @ St John the Baptist Church @ 7.00 pm
Tuesday 4 th December	6HW Trip to Airbus
Tuesday 4 th December	Last Swimming Lesson for Year 4
Tuesday 4 th December	Reception Nativity to Parents/Carers @ 2.30 pm
Tuesday 4 th December	KS1 Nativity to Parents/carers (No children under Y7 please) @ 6.00 pm
Wednesday 5 th December	Reception Nativity to Parents/Carers @ 2.30 pm
Thursday 6 th December	KS1 Nativity to Parents/Carers (No children under Y7 please) @ 6.00 pm
Friday 7 th December	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Friday 7 th December	Book Swap & Nearly New Uniform @ 3.00 pm in the mobile
Monday 10 th December	Christmas Post Box Out
Tuesday 11 th December	6G Trip to Airbus
Wednesday 12 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children (£1.00 donation's please)
Thursday 13 th December	Curriculum Evening 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm & 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Friday 14 th December	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Friday 14 th December	Christingle @ 1.30 pm St Peter's Church (Year 6 Parents/Carers invited)
Monday 17 th December	Year 3 Christmas Carols to Parents/Carers @ 9.00 am
Monday 17 th December	Class Christmas Parties
Tuesday 18 th December	Year 4 Christmas Carols to Parents/carers @ 9.00 am
Wednesday 19 th December	Term Finishes @ 1.30 pm

Headteacher's Message

Last weekend, I attended the St Albans Mental Health Conference. The event included a range of workshops and a number of local and international keynote speakers providing advice, information and research evidence around the themes of resilience, suicide prevention, healthy eating, communication and transition. I have invited some of the speakers and organisations to Bowmansgreen later this year to lead sessions for pupils, staff and parents, as the topics that were discussed are pertinent and affecting many of our pupils and families at Bowmansgreen. A number of websites were identified and recommended as useful, supportive resources. See the links below for more information.

<https://hubofhope.co.uk/>

<https://hectorshouse.org.uk/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

I am sure you are aware that there was a fatal stabbing in London Colney on Wednesday evening. This sad and shocking news has unsettled and concerned some of our pupils and we have been listening to their worries and reassuring them as I know you are also, as well as reminding them about what they can do to help keep themselves safe, especially now that many of our older pupils are walking home at dusk after clubs.

The dress rehearsal for the KS1 Nativity performance took place this afternoon and it was fab! Parents, carers, family and friends, you are in for a treat when you watch next week. A letter has come home with your children today explaining the allocation of seats.

Next week, Mrs Flatt is 'on tour' with our fantastic school choir who will be performing at a carol service in Aldenham Church on Monday and at the Abbey carol service on Tuesday. I know that they, Mrs Flatt and Mrs Street are very excited about their performances and I am sure that we will have some great photos to share next week.

Please be reminded to take a look at our new website and download our school app to keep up to date with school news and events.

Tomorrow is Winter Wonderland at Bowmansgreen. The hall is being transformed as I type! I hope to see lots of you there to help FOBS raise money for the school. There might even be a visit from somebody very special.....

Star of Kindness - November

Congratulations to Chloe in 4S, our November winner of the Star of Kindness. Chloe was chosen by Mrs Clark.



Ms Scoot Award for Effort - November

Congratulations to Poppy in 3C, our November winner of the Ms Scoot Award for Effort. Poppy was chosen by Mr Harnden.



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

Congratulations to:

Author of the week KS1 Zayd 10 & KS2 Clara Mai 3S

Reader of the week KS1 Arisha Rec EK & KS2 Grace 6G

Mathematician of the week KS1 Jake 2BC & KS2 Oliver 4H



Book Swap & Nearly New Uniform

Our next book swap and nearly new uniform give-away will be on Friday 7th December at 3.00pm in the mobile classroom. Please encourage your child/children to come along and swap a book as we have lots to give away.

We also have a lot of nearly new uniform which we would rather have being worn by the children than kept in our stores. Please come and have a look if you are in need of any extra items, there's a variety of sizes available.

Charity Sleepover

The cubs had a sleepover recently for a homeless charity, where they raised an amazing £907. Harry, Preston and Charlotte had to make themselves a cardboard box house and then they talked about what it might be like to be homeless.



London Colney Churches Together Food Bank

The Churches Together Food Bank are asking for donations to the project. If you would like to donate, please see the suggested items listed below. Please bring your donation to the school office and we will pass them on. Thank you ☺

Suggested donations:

Christmas Cake

Panettone

Christmas Pudding

Stollen

Mince Pies

Christmas Biscuits & Cakes

Christmas Crackers

Crisps

Tins of Custard

Christmas Tree Chocolates/Sweets

Christmas Chocolates & Sweets (adults and children)

Sports News from Mr Sanders

Boys v Garden Field

On Monday afternoon, the Bowmansgreen boys travelled to play Garden Fields. With two B teams, with one of the games a league match. Both games ended up being solid wins for the boys in green, and both by the same score - 3:1.

The quality of play was fantastic from both teams and as most of the squads were year 4s and 5s, it bodes well for the future!

The goal scorers were Brendon, Jed and Olivier in one game and Ollie (2) and Toby in the other match. Well done to all the squad.



Squad - Daniel, Luca, Jason, Olivier, Brendon, Lennon, Jed, Luke, Rotimi, Mirko, Fraser, Toby, Ollie & Kyle.

Girls A v Wheatfields in the St Albans Cup

Unfortunately, the girls football A team went out of the St Albans Cup against Wheatfields on Wednesday.

With only having seven players, it was always going to be tough and so it proved. Wheatfields went ahead in the first half with a breakaway goal which was finished well and early in the second half, went further ahead when a penalty was harshly given against Bowmansgreen. The kick hit the crossbar but it was the Wheatfields forward who reacted quickest to control the ball and fire in the net.

Laila got her usual goal, which was by the far the best of the game, when shooting from 20 yards into the bottom corner.

Bowmansgreen were also unlucky not to get a penalty themselves as the Wheatfields defender hand balled inside the area, which was missed by the referee. Good luck to Wheatfields in the next round.

Squad - Taylah, Abbi, Darcie, Laila, Poppy, Ava and Isabelle.

Announcement from FOBS Chairperson - Annabel Zatko

Since taking on this role a year ago, the whole team has managed to get several successes under its collective belt and I thank everyone involved at every level for this.

I have always been very open about my intention to come in and rally a larger group of parents who hadn't yet had the opportunity to contribute to FOBS for one reason or another, and then hand over to somebody capable and enthusiastic for the subsequent year.

And that was the other objective: instigate a rolling position whereby the current Chair holds the position for a year (or thereabouts) and then hands over to someone who's been involved - I shall call this person a Deputy for the purposes of this design - who will become Chair for that next year until their Deputy takes over, and so on. This will serve the purpose of injecting new life into FOBS on an annual basis and open up opportunities to a wider range of people throughout the school; this structure will maximise what FOBS is capable of in terms of providing for all our children.

Nicola McLachlan has taken the reins this term whilst I took a step back for personal reasons and, with her consent, I'd like to nominate her as the new Chairperson of FOBS. There will be a vote at the next meeting on 11th December. She's done a cracking job for the whole of this term and I hope everyone will not only welcome her but also vote for her as the new FOBS Chairperson.