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Newsletter 9

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### Dates for your Diary

W/B Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	3C Eco Trip Airbus
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	FOBS Meeting @ 9.00 am (Dining Room)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	4C $\frac{1}{2}$ class Eco Day - Agrivent
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	School Nurses - Year 6 Height/Weight
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Inset Day - School Closed
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	4C $\frac{1}{2}$ class Eco Day - Agrivent
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Music Concert - Individual Lesson Pupils @ 2.00 pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Winder Wonderland Tombola Gifts
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	FOBS Winter Wonderland 11.30 am - 3.00 pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	KS1 Nativity to Parents/Carers @ 2.00 pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	6HW Trip to Airbus
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Swimming Lesson for Year 4
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity to Parents/Carers @ 2.30 pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity to Parents/carers (No children under Y7 please) @ 6.00 pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity to Parents/Carers @ 2.30 pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity to Parents/Carers (No children under Y7 please) @ 6.00 pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Post Box Out
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	6G Trip to Airbus
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children (£1.00 donation's please)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Curriculum Evening 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm & 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Celebration Assembly @ 9.00 am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle @ 1.30 pm St Peter's Church (Year 6 Parents/Carers invited)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Christmas Carols to Parents/Carers @ 9.00 am
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Christmas Carols to Parents/carers @ 9.00 am
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Term Finishes @ 1.30 pm

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

**Congratulations to:**

**Author of the week** KS1 Kaine 1W & KS2 Eva 5JW

**Reader of the week** KS1 Oliver Rec RM & KS2 Amelia 3C

**Mathematician of the week** KS1 Harry 2LC & KS2 Mara 6G



## Headteacher's Message

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all enjoyed lovely half-term.

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week. This year, the theme is 'Choose Respect.' We are constantly reminding pupils about their behaviour towards each other through our school rules: **be kind, be safe, be respectful**. On Monday, pupils watched 'The Power of One Anti-Bullying show' which delivered some powerful messages about standing up to bullying, through a series of scenarios and discussions. Next week, we will reinforce our expectations through a range of activities and discussions to support key messages and this year's national campaign focus.

Children's on-line and 'gaming' behaviour is an area of increasing concern for us as staff and for many of you as parents and carers. The links below give advice and suggestions about how to support our children stand up to and defeat bullying, including on-line.

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents/im-worried-about-cyberbullying>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/>

<https://www.ditchthelabel.org/get-help/parents/> (Aimed at parents of teenagers)

Over the last couple of weeks, pupils across the school have been learning about the significance of Remembrance Day and the centenary of the Armistice. This afternoon, pupils across KS2 took part in a BBC Live Lesson that explored the themes of remembrance and commemoration, and provided an opportunity for pupils to reflect on the end of the war.

Bowmansgreen has been invited to contribute to an exhibition at the Caledon Community Centre to mark the centenary. The theme of the exhibition is "Peace After the War" and features poetry by Y6 which is on display in the main hall.

Attached to this newsletter are next year's term dates. Please note that there has been a correction to one of the INSET dates sent out before half-term.

Tomorrow, we are holding an open morning from 9-11.30am. Please come along to visit classrooms, meet staff, governors, pupils and see work across the curriculum. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

## Early Years News from Miss Minardi

### ***This week***

It has been a great first week back in Reception! We have started our new topic about "Ourselves" and began to label our body parts and learn about what makes us unique.

We recapped all of our phonics and also learnt the sounds "f" "ff" "l" "ll". We also know what a digraph is! Ask your child what it is! You can practise the actions with your child using the jolly phonics song. Can you help your child to form our new sounds?

We continued to practise counting and one more or one less than a number as well as forming our numbers to 20 (or more).

### ***Next week***

The children will be drawing a self-portrait and we will be making poppies! If you have any black buttons and green straws, please can you send them in! We will also be practising for our Christmas show and auditioning for parts!

### ***Lunch Menu***

Parents, please can you remember to choose prior to coming to school if you pre-select with your child. Thank you.

### ***Reading***

Parents - please remember to sign and comment on your child's home reading journal. We also have a number of books not returned. Please can you return all books so that we can change them.

## STEM Returners programme running in Hertfordshire with ACE Lifts

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! We are currently sourcing candidates for the ACE Lifts 'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in February 2019 in Watford. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information, please visit [www.stemreturners.com](http://www.stemreturners.com) or email [hello@stemreturners.com](mailto:hello@stemreturners.com).

More information on the programme is also available here:

<https://www.stemreturners.com/2018/11/07/engineering-returners-given-lift-watford-thanks-local-employer-ace-lifts/>

## Sports News from Mr Sanders



### *Mini Basketball @ Oaklands College*

Both teams were exceptional and played some great basketball with team one unlucky not to qualify for the semi-finals. Well done to all who took part.

Teams - Imogen, James, Laila, Freddie, Tommy, Ollie & Darcie and Emily, Simon, Luke, Daniel, Mario, Zoe and Ria Rose.

### *A Team v Garden Fields*

Today the A team travelled to the sloping pitch at Garden Fields for a league match, wearing the new kit sponsored by the Premier League. It was one of the most one sided games you will see as the Bowmansgreen team dominated from the kick off! It was only a matter of time before the chances came. The Garden Fields keeper was alert to make a superb one handed save from James and shortly after, Ollie headed into the net from Laila's corner.

The second half continued much as the first did, with Bowmansgreen having all the play. Daniel, in goal, was virtually a spectator until two minutes to go as a long ball caught out Bowmansgreen and the equaliser was undeservedly scored. It was the only time the team had switched off during the whole game.



### *A Team v Park Street- Wix 7 a side*

A frustrating day for the boys as they lost to Park Street in the Wix 7-a-side. It was a bruising encounter but how the score was level at half time was unbelievable as Bowmansgreen had played some really good flowing football and created loads of chances but only had a fine team goal from Tommy to show for all the hard work.

The second half was more even but the ball just wouldn't fall to a Bowmansgreen player at the right time or in the right area. Simon scored to give hope but the equaliser just wouldn't come.

The boys move onto the next match, which is on Monday, when we are playing Skyswood in the Wix 9-a-side, which is being played at Colney Heath FC. The Wix 9-a-side is one of the oldest school competitions in the country, starting back in 1907.

### *Girls Netball v Oakwood*

The girls' netball team played the first league match of the season away v Oakwood yesterday and came up against a very strong team. Great commitment and attitude was shown by the girls.

Thanks to Miss Ottley for taking the team. The next game is away v Samuel Ryder on Wednesday 14th November.

Squad - Grace, Darcie, Lola, Ria Rose, Imogen, Nafisa, Mariya, Megan and Jacey.

