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Dear Parents and Carers

Road Safety

A parent made contact this week to say that some parents are not parking very safely before/after school. Please avoid blocking pavements and parking near to the road junctions close to the schools. I am sure that we all want to avoid any accidents from happening.

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

Roll of Honour:

3I – Finn B and Freya B
3B – Rupert M, Daniel W and Edee L
4H – Rosie H and Louis S
4DR – Katie B and Hattie C
5R – Susie B and Dawid O
5F – Rose T and George B
6M – Harvey E
6C – Darcy D-G and Lily G

Outside Honours:

Alice K – Grade 2 Piano
Sophia G – Grade 1 Piano
Tom R – Gymnastics
Amira P – Gymnastics
Jemima M – Gymnastics
Esther B - Swimming

Gold Reading Awards:

Harvey E, Taryn S and Sophie O’N (6M)
Nathan T, Fran O’N and Will C (6C)
Nicolina H and Amelia T (4H)
Casper T (3I)

Well done to everyone for their achievements this week!

Science Question of the Week!

Mrs Day is currently promoting Science in school and is particularly keen to increase parental engagement. As part of this work, she is asking the children a scientific question during worship on a Monday. Last week the children were asked: Why don’t penguins’ feet freeze? The question for this week is: Why don’t birds fall off their perches when sleeping? This is a really great opportunity for you to engage with your child and we hope you enjoy it.

Collective Worship

In worship this week, we looked at the value of respect and the idea that ‘thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself’. It was a very healthy discussion with some excellent contributions from the children. Father Huw followed this assembly by giving a lesson on differences and, specifically, how we should accept and respect the differences found in our community. I am hopeful that these discussions will have a positive impact on the interactions within school.

Kids Breakfast and Supper Club

On Monday 18th December the Kids Breakfast and Supper Club was inspected by Dacorum Environmental Health. I am delighted to inform you that the club was awarded a five star food hygiene rating which is the highest possible rating for their food preparation and hygiene.



Outdoor Area

On Monday of this week, I hosted Vicki Gentle (Safeguarding Governor) for a safeguarding audit and site walk. During her visit, we looked at the nature area at the rear of the school that was cleared by a group of parents/staff last year. I am extremely keen to continue the hard work already started and to develop this area so that it can be used for engaging activities and play all year round. Mrs Reeve and Mrs Birley are going to lead on the development of this and are looking for some volunteers to help constitute a core group to help plan a phased approach to developing the area. Do you have a passion for outdoor learning/children accessing nature? Do you have a vision for how this area could enrich our children? Do you know anybody who could help/advise us? If the answer to any of these questions is 'yes' then please make contact so that we can make this space an incredible asset to the school.

Around School

Year 3 have been very busy in Maths this week using arrays (feel free to google this term!) to work on multiplication and division calculations. Alfie M (3B) and George R (3B) popped down to my office to show me their excellent pictorial representations of division. Mrs Ing got very excited on Thursday when Joseph T-S brought in his excellent collection of fossils from Whitby and the Jurassic Coast to share with the class. Maths has had a particularly high profile around school this week with Year 5 spending time converting measurements. They have also been using Newton metres to look at force. Year 4 are still working hard in History and have been looking at the Viking raid on Lindisfarne in preparation for some newspaper articles. Year 6 have been doing some excellent work in English using their language skills for detailed character descriptions. Jacob A (6M) came up with a fantastic sentence that included the term 'ghostlike' to describe the pale face of the character. Sadly, I missed 6C's class collective worship this morning but did manage to drop in to one of the rehearsals where I witnessed Mrs Clark modelling some excellent acting skills to her class.

Year 5 and 6 Netball

On Wednesday, Mr Ashton and Miss Francis took a team from across Years 5 and 6 to a netball tournament at Tring School. The team came 3rd overall and won one of their matches 8-2. Well done to Sophie O'N, Fran O'N, Jess C, Evan H, Riley A-L, Lorenza D'A and Amber W for representing our school. The team photo is on the gallery page of the school website: [Netball Festival photo](#)

World Book Day

Advance warning that World Book Day is approaching (Thursday 1st March). Children will be encouraged to dress up as a character from a book of their choice. If anybody has a spare set of half-moon spectacles please let me know as I might be coming dressed as Mr Smee from Peter Pan!

We are also welcoming the poet James Carter that week. James will be doing some poetry workshops with each year group. Writing created during these sessions will be shared in an extra assembly at the end of the day. Some of James' poems can be found here:

<http://www.jamescarterpoet.co.uk/poems.html>

Year 4 Residential Trip

Mr Hall is trying to organise an alternative venue for the Year 4 residential trip as Cuffley Camp has sadly closed. He has made contact with Year 4 parents regarding a new option. Please make sure you respond to his consultation before it closes on Friday 2nd.

Important Dates

Event	Date/Time
Young Voices	Tuesday 30 th January
Year 3 – George's Marvellous Medicine	Wednesday 31 st January
5F Class Collective Worship	Friday 2 nd February 09.15
House Games - Years 3 & 4	Friday 2 nd February
Quiz Night	Friday 2 nd February 19.00 onwards
Hertfordshire Cross Country Run event – Years 5 & 6	Saturday 3 rd February
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 6 th February
Lent Church Service	Wednesday 7 th February 13.30
5R Class Collective Worship	Friday 9 th February 09.15

House Games - Years 5 & 6	Friday 9 th February
End of half term	Friday 9 th February - School closes at 15.30
Back to school	Monday 19 th February
4DR Class Collective Worship	Friday 23 rd February 09.15
Poet Visit – James Carter	Tuesday 27 th February
Year 4 Theatre Trip	Tuesday 27 th February
World Book Day	Thursday 1 st March
4H Class Collective Worship	Friday 2 nd March 09.15
Buddies Disco for children	Friday 2 nd March 19.00 – 20.30
3I Class Collective Worship	Friday 9 th March 09.15
SEN Reviews	12 th and 13 th March
3B Class Collective Worship	Friday 16 th March 09.15
Parents' Consultation Evening	Tuesday 20 th March 16.30 – 19.00
Parents' Consultation Evening	Wednesday 21 st March 16.30 – 19.00
End of Term	Thursday 29 th March - School closes at 13.30

Please note that letters/booking forms for events can be found on the Diary and News & Letters page of the school website. [Bishop Wood School website](#)

Kind Regards
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