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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Children in Need

Our Children in Need Car Wash is happening tomorrow between 12 and 2pm. Please come along to support this event. Miss Record has put a huge amount of effort in to organising it and I am sure it will be a great success.

Teas, coffees and cakes will be available while you wait!

### Parents' Evening

Next week is our first parents' consultation evening of the year. Hopefully you have signed up for a slot to meet your child's teacher using the online system. Teachers will be talking to you about how your child is getting on this year academically, socially and pastorally. Classrooms will be open for you to have a look at your child's books.

You may notice that the books look different in terms of marking. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we have listened to research and changed our approach to feedback. The aim of this is that greater emphasis is placed on giving children effective feedback than time spent making marks in books. More information can be found in our new feedback policy [here](#).

Debs is issuing teachers with a list of children in their class whose attendance has dropped below 95%. Please don't be offended if this is raised with you – we are just trying to secure the best outcomes for your child(ren). We are also using parents evening as an opportunity to catch people who haven't yet completed the GDPR school consent form.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

### Lost Property

Over the past couple of weeks abandoned uniform, PE kit and various coats have been building up around school. Although many items are named, staff do not have time to look through all the garments and reunite them with children. Should you wish to come and search for any missing items, all lost property will be in the Library at the end of every day next week. If not claimed, clothing will go to the Buddies uniform sale or a charity shop.

### Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason – illness, medical appointments, running late etc - please telephone the school, choose Option 1 (the absence line) and leave a message. To safeguard our pupils we will send a text to the parents of any pupils who are absent without notification. Please do not e-mail or leave a message on the general answer phone - the school office is exceptionally busy first thing in the morning and these are often not checked until later.

### Shoebox Appeal

Reg Cornthwaite came in this week to launch the Rotary Shoebox Appeal at Bishop Wood School. We are excited about the prospect of spreading some Christmas cheer to those less fortunate than us. Reg was very keen that the contents of the boxes need not be purchased from a shop. The boxes can be filled with pre loved toys from your own home. I hope that we can count on you all to create a shoebox gift this year.

### Twitter

Are you following us on [twitter](#)? If not, over the past few weeks you have missed out on: Year 3 and 5 Science investigations, Gardening Club, Miss Record with a pressure washer, Year 6 poetry, Remembrance, live updates from football matches and even pheasants on the school site!

Give us a follow and see some of the amazing things that happen in school!



## House Points

Congratulations to Venus for winning the House Point Cup this week. Current scores and running totals are shown below.

<u>House</u>	<u>Week Total</u>	<u>Running Total</u>
Jupiter	85	584
Mars	82	536
Saturn	53	512
Venus	99	599

## Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Ella B and Emilia W

3B – Lora D, Greta H and Zoe V

4H – Bea G and Oliver S

4DR – Rupert M and Georgia J

5F – Evie M and Nicolina H

5R – Luke C and William G

6C – Rose T, Jess C and Esme B

6M – Evan F-J and Sam T

## Outside Honours

Marco P – Football

Nicolina H - Swimming

*Golden Broom* - Well done to 3B!

## Getting to know...Mrs Spanswick

- What made you want to work with children?  
*"Because they make me laugh every day!"*
- What was your greatest achievement at school?  
*"When I made a cheeseboard in wood work. I was really proud of it."*
- Where is your ultimate holiday destination?  
*"I would go to Spain. I love Spain."*
- Which three of your possessions would you save from a burning building?  
*"My family, photos and my passport so I can go to Spain!"*
- What is your typical Nando's order?  
*"I have never been to Nando's!"*
- What are your hobbies?  
*"I love cleaning, walking and dancing."*
- What wouldn't you do for 1 million pounds?  
*"I would not go on a big rollercoaster. I am terrified of heights."*
- What is your main ambition?  
*"To always be kind and positive to other people."*
- Tell us an interesting fact about yourself?  
*"I used to be into punk rock and had bleach blonde hair. My favourite band was Siouxsie and the Banshees."*

## Football vs Aycliffe Drive

Bishop Wood 'A' team played their second match of the season away at Aycliffe Drive School in Hemel Hempstead last week. Bishop Wood dominated the possession in the first half and were leading 2-0 at half time through two strikes from Barney A. The second half was more even. Bishop Wood had chances to extend their lead but couldn't take them. Aycliffe Drive's attacks were kept in check by our excellent defence including Player of the Match Merryn D.

Final Score Aycliffe Drive 0 – 2 Bishop Wood

Bishop Wood 'A' – P2 W2 D0 L0

### Football vs Dundale

Bishop Wood 'B' team played their second match of the season away at Dundale school yesterday. Bishop Wood started quickly with Sam T hitting the post early on. Against the run of play, Dundale took the lead. Bishop Wood struck back quickly with Owen A finishing after a great bit of play on the wing by Ted M. Bishop Wood kept the pressure on and went in to the break leading 2-1 after Zac F scored from close range. Dundale had the benefit of the slope in the second half but Bishop Wood came out strong and extended their lead after Zac F struck home a low shot from distance. The score was now 3-1 to Bishop Wood and Dundale poured on the pressure. In fading light, they broke free of our defence and narrowed the margin to 3-2. Undeterred and with Ted M pulling the strings from midfield, Bishop Wood stuck to their aggressive style of play and the ball fell to Zac F who hit a fierce shot across the keeper to make it 4-2. A late penalty from George B hit the woodwork. Well done to Ted M who was chosen as player of the match for his energy and commitment to tracking back.

Final score: Dundale 2-4 Bishop Wood

Bishop Wood 'B' – P2 W2 D0 L0

### Around School

Year 3 did an amazing Science investigation using different surfaces and friction. In PSHE they celebrated and acknowledged difference. Year 4 had fun in Science making a model of the human digestive system. Staying with the Science theme, Year 5 conducted experiments with air resistance using parachutes they had made. Finally, Year 6 used William Morris as inspiration for using different mediums in Art.

### Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning is taking place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 09.00. This coffee morning is open to all and is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet Mr Stanley and other members of staff in an informal setting. We value your feedback so come along and tell us what we are doing well and what we could do better! Cakes will be available.

### Christmas Card Orders

To view your child's design online and place your orders for Christmas cards and other festive goodies, please visit <https://www.apfsorders.co.uk>. You will need to input your child's surname and 16-digit unique code, which can be found on the back of the artwork.

### Important Dates

Sat 17th November 2018, 12:00pm - 2:00pm	Children in Need – Car Washing Event
Mon 19th November 2018, 4:00pm - 7:00pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Wed 21st November 2018, 4:00pm - 7:00pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Thu 22nd November 2018	Christmas Card online order deadline
Thu 22nd November 2018	Year 5 – Egyptian Day
Fri 23rd November 2018	Non-Uniform Day – Chocolate for Buddies Christmas Market
Wed 28th November 2018, 2:00pm - 3:00pm	Music Celebration
Fri 30th November 2018	Occasional Day
Sun 2nd December 2018, 3:00pm - 4:00pm	Christingle Servies – St Peter & St Paul's Church
Mon 3rd December 2018, 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Scholastic Book Fair
Tue 4th December 2018, 9:00am - 12:00pm	Dacorum Family Services surgery – Sam Lindars (School Family Worker)
Tue 4th December 2018, 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 5th December 2018, 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 5th December 2018, 7:30pm - 10:00pm	Buddies Wreath Making evening
Fri 7th December 2018, 2:00pm - 3:30pm	Buddies Christmas Market
Tue 11th December 2018	Yrs 3, 4 & 5 – Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Wed 12th December 2018	Year 6 – Victorian Day
Wed 12th December 2018, 9:00am - 10:00am	Coffee Morning
Fri 14th December 2018	Pantomime Trip – Robin Hood
Mon 17th December 2018, 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Christmas Concert – St Peter & St Paul's Church
Wed 19th December 2018	Christmas Lunch
Fri 21st December 2018	End of Term – School closes at 1.30pm

For more information and to view letters about upcoming events please visit the school website

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Mr Gary Stanley