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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Newsletter

Apologies that the weekly newsletter did not make it to you last week. There were some gremlins (Debs!) in the system which stopped it being delivered. I am happy to say that we have a bumper 'Celebration' section this week which covers a fortnight of excellence in and out of school.

Collective Worship

Collective worship has been focussing on Advent over the past two weeks. We have been lighting our Advent Wreath and thinking about the meaning behind the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Sarah from the Church has also been in this week to share the new school creed with the children. This has been reviewed and revised by our worship group. It will be available on the website as soon as possible.

Year 2 Open Morning

We hosted an open morning this week for parents of Year 2 children to visit the school before applying for places. Some of our Year 6 children took the parents on a guided tour of the school. They did Bishop Wood proud! The feedback from the visiting parents was absolutely fantastic. Well done and thank you to:

Charlie B, Charlie C, Estella M, Hannah T, Willow S, Max B, Zach F and Maisie L

Polling Station

You may have noticed that Mrs Spriggs has put some advance notices up on the Christchurch Road gate informing the public that the school cannot be accessed via that gate for polling. This does NOT affect your ability to drop off and collect your children. The gate will be open as normal during these times and a member of staff will be supervising.

Reporting Absence

Please could all absence be reported by calling the school and using option 1. The absence line is the first port of call for the admin team when they arrive in the morning. Registers are completed by teachers before the school email is checked so any emails regarding absence will not be seen.

Diwali Visit

We were very pleased to welcome Mr and Mrs Patel this week to talk to the Year 4 children about Diwali. The talk was really interesting and helpful as part of the Year 4 work on Hinduism. Thank you very much to Mr and Mrs Patel!

Christmas Lunch

The pupil Christmas Lunch is taking place on Wednesday 18th December. It can be booked via the gateway. Debs has added it to the normal weekly menu.

Changes to pick up arrangements

It is inevitable that sometimes you may need to make a last-minute change to how your child is being collected from school. If you are in this position and are sending your child home with another parent, we need this in writing. Please email any changes in to admin@ as soon as you know about them. Thanks

Christmas Cards

Thank you to all those families who ordered Christmas cards and wrapping paper via art projects for schools. The cards all looked great and I am sure they will be well received. The sale of cards also raised funds for school totalling £377 which will be used to enrich the educational experience of your children.

Fantasy Football Update!

Rich A and Jonathan B are still at the top of the league but the leading pupil Amber E is reeling them in. The leading staff member is Mrs Foley. Top scorer this week was Oscar E with 80 points!



Celebration (last week) – Humility

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3R – Amber I and Luca H
3B – None this week
4H – Ameera A-O and May P
4F – David G and Annabel G
5C – Joseph S and Evie H
5DR – Megan S, Casper T and Daniel W
6M – Amelia S and Amelia T
6I – Jessica L and Willian G

Outside Honours

Nicolina H – Swimming
Oliver S – Swimming and football
Casper T – Football
Oliver F and Owen A – Cricket District Squad
Joseph TS – Football
Raffey HP – Football
Oscar W - Swimming
Golden Broom – 5DR

Celebration (this week) – Honesty

3R – Thomas R and Isaac M
3B – Mati G-L and Murray S
4H – Seb B and Louie W
4F – James W, Lillie M-P and David G
5DR – Isabella D, Margo G, George R and Ollie R
5C – Marco P and Thea G
6M – Ava W and Oscar W
6I – Elsie S and Luke C

Outside Honours

Evie M – Highly commended in the ‘Design a Light’ competition
George A – St John Ambulance Award
Alice F – Rugby
David B – Off-roading Moto Cross
Golden Broom – 3R

Around School

Year 3 have been using the Edgar from the John Lewis advert as inspiration for letter writing and wanted posters. They have been working hard on their noun phrases. Year 4 are still looking at the digestive system and have been focusing on the teeth this week. Year 5 are working hard on their Christmas production. They are showing incredible positivity and I am told that the singing sounds amazing. Year 6 have had a fun swimming session at the end of their term of lessons.

Diary Dates

Please find below a list of key dates. Updated dates are highlighted

Autumn Term

Friday 13 th December	Panto!
Monday 16 th December at 7:00pm	School Christmas Service at St Peter and St Paul
Monday 16 th December	Buddies Refreshments and Raffle at Christmas Service
Wednesday 18 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th December at 12:30pm	School Collective Worship at St Peter and St Paul
Friday 20 th December 1:30pm	School Closes for Christmas

Spring Term

Monday 6 th January	School Closed - INSET
Tuesday 7 th January	School Opens to Children
Friday 10 th January	Year 4 trip to Neasden Temple
Friday 17 th January at 9:15am	6M Class Collective Worship
Friday 17 th January	Buddies Disco
Wednesday 22 nd January	Fossil Workshops – Y6 and Y3
Friday 24 th January at 9:15am	6I Class Collective Worship
Thursday 30 th January at 9:15am	5DR Class Collective Worship
Friday 7 th February at 9:15am	5C Class Collective Worship
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14 th February at 3:30pm	Finish for Half Term
Thursday 27 th February at 9:15am	4H Class Collective Worship
Friday 28 th February	Buddies Quiz
Wednesday 4 th March 9:30 – 10:30am	Open Morning
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March at 9:15am	4F Class Collective Worship
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 5 Trip to Hazard Alley
Thursday 12 th March 9.15am	3R Class Collective Worship
Friday 13 th March	Buddies Disco
Thursday 19 th March 9.15am	3B Class Collective Worship
Monday 23 rd March 4:00 – 7:00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 26th March 4:00 – 7:00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 27 th March 2:00 – 3:00pm	Lenten Bazaar
Wednesday 1 st April at 2:30pm	Music Celebration
Friday 3 rd April at 9:30am	End of Term Worship at St Peter and St Paul
Friday 3 rd April at 1:30pm	School Closes for Easter

Summer Term

Monday 20 th April	Term Starts
Thursday 30 th April at 9:15am	Year 3 Collective Worship
Friday 1 st May	INSET Day
Monday 4 th May	NO LONGER A BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 7 th May at 9:15am	Year 4 Collective Worship
Friday 8 th May	VE Day Bank Holiday
Week Beginning 11 th May	SATs Week
Saturday 16 th May	Buddies Summer Fair
Week Beginning 18 th May	Science Week
Thursday 21 st May at 9:15am	Year 5 Collective Worship
Friday 22 nd May at 3:30pm	Finish for Half Term
Week Beginning 8 th June	Year 6 Swanage Trip
Wednesday 17 th June at 9:30am	Sports Day
Wednesday 24 th June at 9:30am	Reserve Date for Sports Day
Monday 29 th June – Wednesday 1 st July	4H at Woodrow High House
Monday 6 th – Wednesday 8 th July	4F at Woodrow High House
Tuesday 7 th July at 2:00pm	Year 6 Matinee Performance
Wednesday 8 th July at 7:00pm	Year 6 Evening Performance
Thursday 9 th July	Year 5 at College Lake
Friday 10 th July	Buddies – Moving On Up Event
Thursday 16 th July at 2:30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 17 th July at 1:30pm	Finish for Summer

For more information and to view letters about upcoming events please visit the school website www.bishopwood.herts.sch.uk

Mr Gary Stanley