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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers

Coffee Morning

We held our second coffee morning of the year on Wednesday. Sadly, we didn't have any takers. We will run another event in the Spring term. Dates to be confirmed.

School Council

On Thursday, School Council met Caroline, a manager from Hertfordshire Catering, to discuss ways in which our lunch menu could be improved. Throughout the Autumn term, the children have been working hard to speak to their class mates and create a selection of new lunch options which might be incorporated into the menu. I am delighted that Caroline was extremely impressed with the manner in which the children presented their suggestions and after listening carefully to their recommendations has agreed that some suggestions will be able to be incorporated into the menu from January. Watch this space for further details! Thank you to School Council for all their hard work in helping to achieve this on behalf of all of the Bishop Wood pupils and staff.

Football Tournament 'A' Team

On Tuesday, 18 pupils from years 5&6 went up to Tring School for a football tournament. 12 teams from local schools took part. The 'A' team were drawn in a group consisting of Long Marston, Dundale A and Aldbury A. The team played brilliantly and topped the group with 2 wins and a draw. Goals from Barnaby H (2), Barney A (3) and Zach F (1). The defence were so solid meaning no goals were conceded. The semi-final saw us play Brookmead A. It was a close game, but a late goal from Danny S put us through to the final against Grove A. The final was incredibly close and the result could have gone either way. Zach F scored twice, but Grove got a late winner just before the final whistle, resulting in winning the game 3-2. The A team need to be very proud of their performance gaining silver medals in a tough tournament against some very good teams.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 19th December is Christmas Lunch day. We are encouraging children to wear a Christmas jumper or decorate an existing jumper for the festive season. Please bring in a £1 donation for Save the Children.

Football Tournament 'B' Team

We selected a very inexperienced squad for our B team. Many of those involved were playing in their first competitive matches. Despite this, enthusiasm and enjoyment levels were high. In their four matches, the team managed two draws and two defeats. All those selected did well but special mention must go to Charlie B for his positive and encouraging captaincy and to Oliver F and William G who defended stoutly under almost constant pressure.

Primary Science Quality Mark

We had an extra certificate to give out in Celebration Assembly on Tuesday as Mrs Day finally received the certificate for the school achieving the Primary Science Quality Mark. Mrs Day, the teachers and support staff worked hard to achieve the award last year. Well done!

Christmas at St Peter and St Paul

Father Huw has handed out a flyer to each child with the dates and times of the church services this Christmas. They are:

Sunday 23rd December 6.30pm – Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve 2pm and 4pm - Crib Services
Christmas Eve 11.30pm – Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 8.00am – Holy Communion
Christmas Day 10.00am – Worship for All with Communion



Christmas Concert

The school Christmas Concert is taking place on Monday 17th December (7.00pm) at St Peter and St Paul. This year the nativity story is being led by Year 5 but all classes are contributing a performance of their own. It would be amazing if every child in the school was there on the night for this celebration. Buddies will be offering mulled wine, mince pies and a raffle. Come and enjoy this special occasion with us.

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Reggie M, Daisy S and Seb b
3B – Isaac PC, Cadence CF, Freddie M and Ameera A-O
4H – Tom O, Laura C, Sophie H and Rowan C
4DR – Harry W, Boyd M, Jake T, Alex L, Marco P, Freddie K and Amelie M
5F – Olivia G and Eleanor C
5R – Willow S and Noah W
6C – Alice K and Barnaby H
6M – Caitlin B and Ella S

Golden Broom – 6M

Outside Honours

Maisie L – Gymnastics
Alice F – Rugby
Grace F – Violin
Charlie C – Blue Peter Badge
Oscar K – Hockey
Estella M, Olivia R and Lily P – Go Karting

Around School

Year 3 have been focusing on Advent this week. They have created some Advent Crowns which included mention of the Advent themes of Hope, Joy, Peace and Love. 4DR have had great fun this week decorating their class eco Christmas tree. 4H have been busy writing poems (Haikus and Cinquains) with a seasonal flavour. Year 5 have also been doing some work linked to the festive season. They used the 2015 John Lewis Christmas advert as the stimulus for some extended writing. Year 6 had their Victorian day on Wednesday which included a classroom experience and a murder mystery element. Finally, the whole school attended the panto today and had a fantastic time! Thanks to Mrs Colston for her efforts in organising the event.

Important Dates

Mon 17th December 2018, 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Christmas Concert – St Peter & St Paul's Church
Wed 19th December 2018	Christmas Lunch
Wed 19th December 2018	Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day – Please bring £1
Fri 21st December 2018	End of Term – School closes at 1.30pm
Mon 7th January 2019	Start of Spring Term
Fri 18th January 2019, 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Buddies Disco for children
Fri 8th February 2019	Buddies Quiz Night (adults only)
Fri 15th February 2019	End of Half Term – School closes at 3.30pm
Mon 18th February 2019 - Fri 22nd February 2019	Half Term Holiday
Mon 25th February 2019	INSET Day
Tue 26th February 2019	Back to School
Fri 8th March 2019, 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Buddies Disco for children
Fri 5th April 2019	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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