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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Adverse Weather

It seems sensible to remind parents about our notification system for any potential school closure due to adverse weather. We will always try our best to stay open if it is safe to do so for pupils, staff and parents doing the school run. Parents will be notified of any school closure or changes to school hours via a three pronged approach:

1. Text message via SchoolComms/Gateway (this may appear as a notification if you use the app)
2. Email
3. Herts CC Everbridge system (this is the failsafe system and will be the only way to message parents if the school loses power and/or access to its database)

We will use all three systems to make sure that the messages get through and will use the same means of communication to send key updates. If the decision is made to close the school, it will be made as early as possible to give parents a chance to organise any childcare. Please make sure that the school office has an up to date mobile phone number for you (changes can be made via ParentLite App) and that you have signed up to the Everbridge alerts.

Fossil Man!

Years 3 and 6 had a fantastic day on Wednesday when Zoologist [Jules Howard](#) came along with his huge collection of fossils to talk to the children. It was a very interesting day and the children got a huge amount out of the visit. If you haven't already done so and would still like to make the voluntary contribution of £5 it would be greatly appreciated – please do so via the Gateway.

Spring Term Open Morning

The Spring Term open morning is taking place on Wednesday 4th March (9.30 -10.30am). Add this date to your diary!

6I Collective Worship

This morning, 6I performed an excellent and informative collective worship, where they confidently spoke, sang and acted out the story of the Chinese New Year. The musicians performed beautifully as the school entered and left the hall. Thank you to Mrs Ing and Mrs Adams for their hard work in co-ordinating this well received assembly.

Netball Tournament at Tring School

On Tuesday, 16 children from years 5&6 took part in a netball tournament at Tring School. 13 teams took part with each team playing four matches. Although no medals were won, both Bishop Wood teams played really well and enjoyed their afternoon. They represented the school brilliantly.

Miss Cooper

House Rewards

This week, Saturn House enjoyed their first house reward of the year. They enjoyed a film afternoon with cushions and popcorn.

Around School

Year 3 have done some brilliant writing using 'Mr Stink' by David Walliams for inspiration. Year 4 enjoyed a talk about Sikhism. They were very inspired and would like to thank Mr Sohal for giving up his time to come and speak to them. Year 5 have been designing Food Machines that could be used in outer space for Tim Peake. Year 6 really enjoyed their session with Jules Howard, the Fossil Man!

Fantasy Football

The midweek fixtures have had a big impact on the league. As I type, Amber E is top of the league on 1336 points. Mr Stanley is now the leading staff member! Mrs Breakwell is leading the weekly total with 64 points.



Citizen Science

I would like to encourage the children to take part in some 'Citizen Science' projects this year. The second project I would like to highlight is 'The Big Garden Birdwatch' organised by the RSPB for this coming weekend. All the details can be found on the RSPB website at

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/>

In summary:

- Watch the birds for one hour either in your garden or at a local park between 25th-27th January.
- Only count the birds that land in your garden or park, not the ones that fly overhead.
- Submit results online, between 25th January – 16th February.
- Every count is important so even if you don't see any birds in the time, report that too.

I would love to hear from children who take up this opportunity.

Mrs Day

Cross Country Race at Wendover Junior School – 18th January

Well done to those children who ran the cross country event on what was a bright but cold morning. The children ran with great determination and represented the school really well. It was a very competitive meeting with over 20 schools competing. Thanks to Mrs Reeve and Mrs Birley for putting the team together and going along to support the children. The runners were:

Year 3 – Ben P, Leonardo L, Arthur L, Jasper Y, Sammy T, Mati GL

Year 4 – Poppy D

Year 5 – Josh W, Joseph TS, Fraser S, Casper T

Year 6 – Noah W

We look forward to even more runners coming out at the next race on Saturday 9th March at Bridgewater School.

Celebration – Hope

3R – Thomas R and Shyloh P

3B – Layla B and Emma R

4H – Luca D-S and Alice F

4F – Jasmine B and Evan P

5DR – Margo G, Casper T and Jack VG

5C – Finn B and George A

6M – None this week

6I – Odin W and Luke C

Outside Honours

George A – St John Ambulance

Bella D – Player of the Match TTFC

Pen Licences

Leon S, Riley N, Murray S, Jack H and Ollie WJ

Reading Gold Awards

Megan W, Emilia S, Edee L, Casper T, Ava I and Ava M

Diary Dates

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

Spring Term

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
Thursday 5 th March	Cross Country Breakfast

Friday 6 th March at 9:15am	4F Class Collective Worship
Saturday 7 th March	Cross Country Event at Bridgewater School
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 5 Trip to Hazard Alley
Thursday 12 th March 9.15am	3R Class Collective Worship
Thursday 19 th March 9.15am	3B Class Collective Worship
Friday 20th March	Buddies Disco
Monday 23 rd March 4:00 – 7:00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 26 th 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
Wed 29 th April 2020	Bugsy Malone – Drama Club performance
Thursday 30 th April at 9:15am	Year 3 Collective Worship
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
Monday 1st June	INSET Day
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