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Parent Reps

We had our second Parent Reps meeting this week and covered a wide range of topics. This included: Homework, Christmas Service, Communication, Cost of trips and visits and finally Class Assemblies. Feedback was received and shared from reps in every year group and Mr Patten and I have walked away with a list of actions. One particular action was to offer some clarity around expectations for the project element of the homework. This will be conveyed in the newsletter next week.

HSAA Cross-Country Championships

Last Saturday, 10 year 5 and 6 children represented Bishop Wood School at the Hertfordshire Schools Cross Country Championship in Bushey. The all ran a gruelling 1600m course through the woods, showing great resilience and determination. Mrs Anechite and I were proud of every one of them! Thinking of our school vision, they were all being the best version of themselves. It was so lovely seeing their support for each other too, from advice on the start line to cheering and running alongside to the finish line. Well done all of you!

Mrs Reeve

5DR Class Collective Worship

5DR completed their class collective worship this week. They chose to focus on the value of 'thankfulness' and gave some wonderful examples of what they and we can all be thankful for.

Upcoming dates this half term:

6C – 13th February

Contacting the Office

We are aware that plans for collecting children change and are happy to facilitate this as long as we are given plenty of notice. If your child's pick-up arrangement is changing, please could you email the office no later than 2.30 on the day in question. After 2.30, please make sure you call the office as it is unlikely that an email will be seen. Please label the subject line of your email: PICK-UP CHANGE. Thank you.

Netball Tournament at Tring School

On Tuesday we took two teams up to Tring School for a netball festival against other local schools. Both our Year 6 and Year 5 team played brilliantly. Particularly pleasing was how far the Year 5 team have progressed. They ended up with two wins and two losses. Elle was awarded player of the day for her excellent defending. Our Year 6 team were unbeaten on the day with three wins and 1 draw. They ended up winning their group and were second overall in the whole tournament. Millie G was their player of the day for her role as centre – her running and energy was relentless. Well done to all the girls involved.

Mrs Miller and Mrs Jamison

Worship Group and Choir

Members of our school worship group and choir will be helping to lead the 10.00 service at St Peter and St Paul this Sunday!

SENDCo Update

I am pleased to announce that, following a rigorous assessment day on Monday, we have recruited a new SENDCo. Jayne Williamson will be joining us after the February half term break. We look forward to her joining the team. I am sure that we will all make her feel very welcome.

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Louis T and Ruby G.

3S – George J and Eleanor B.

4A – Erin H and Rafi S-G.



4PS – Bertie L and Eisa A.
 5DR – Arthur B and Indy R.
 5H – Esme R and Ines A.
 6C – Enya S and Hattie R.
 6M – Poppy M and Oscar P.

Well done – keep up the excellent work!

Other Honours

Pom Poms – 3I

Lunchtime Leader Awards - Top Table next week: Esme F-B, Ariana M, Ektaa M, Rafi S-G, George M, Reggie R, Mila H and Alice C.

Around School

This Week

Year 3 have enjoyed measuring in Maths. Year 4 have been using what they know about how sound travels to consider how to best soundproof a box. Year 5 have enjoyed designing their machines ready for an explanation text. Year 6 have been learning about Chinese New Year.

Next Week

Year 3 will be writing a post card based on the short film 'La Lune'. Year 4 will be completing their persuasive letters about river pollution. Year 5 are looking forward to continuing their fraction work next week. Year 6 are starting a new Science topic on Evolution.

Diary Dates

Please find below a list of key dates for the Autumn Term. We will add to this as we progress through the school year. New dates will be highlighted.

Date	Event
Sunday 9 th February	Worship Group at St Peter and St Paul – 10am
Thursday 13 th February	6C Class Assembly – 9am
Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Wednesday 26 th February	Open Morning 9.30 – 10.30am
Thursday 6 th March	3S Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 13 th March	4A Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 18 th March	Year 5 Hazard Alley
Thursday 20 th March	5H Class Assembly 9am
Friday 21 st March	World Down's Syndrome Day
Friday 21 st March	Lenten Bazaar Time TBC
Saturday 22 nd March	Cross Country at Bridgewater
Monday 24 th March	Parents' Evening 4 – 7pm
Wednesday 26 th March	Parents' Evening 4 – 7pm
Thursday 3 rd April	6M Class Assembly 9am
Friday 7 th March	Year 4 Roman Day
Friday 4 th April	End of Term Service at St Peter and St Paul – 11.15am
Friday 4 th April	End of Term – School Closes at 1.30pm

Thank you and best wishes
 Mr Stanley