



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Coronavirus

Professor Jim McManus, Director of Public Health, has asked us to share the following statement with parents and carers regarding Coronavirus:

*As you will be aware, there has been a lot of information in the news about people returning from trips to Italy over half term. Subsequently measures have been in place with regards to Coronavirus by the Italian Authorities.*

*We would like to assure you that there is no cause for concern. None of the trips run by Hertfordshire schools were within the ten towns which the Italian Authorities have now placed under quarantine. Hertfordshire residents remain at low risk.*

*If you have returned from the quarantined area and develop flu like symptoms, please stay at home, avoid contact with other people and call NHS111.*

*Taking basic hygiene precautions remains the best way to reduce the chances of spreading any virus: sneeze or cough into a tissue, bin it, wash your hands frequently and don't touch your face unless you've just washed your hands. Using a normal detergent to clean the surfaces people touch regularly like door handles and lift buttons is also sensible.*

*Please visit [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) for the most up to date advice.*

### 4H Collective Worship

On Thursday, 4H entertained us with a fantastic Collective Worship about Lent. 4H showed us their dance, acting and musical skills as well as sharing important information about the Christian festival of Lent. All children spoke clearly and confidently. Thank you Mr Hall, Miss Malcolm, Mrs Wager, Mrs Hart and, of course 4H.

### Parents' Consultation Evening

Mrs Bourke is busy setting up the online booking system for parents' evening. It will go live on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm.

Please note that the dates for parents' evening were updated several weeks ago. They are taking place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March (4.00 – 7.00pm).

### Farewell Mrs Farrer

Today, we are saying farewell to Mrs Farrer. She joined us in June 2018 and has been a real asset to the school and staff team. We all wish her well.

### Electric Umbrella

We are excited about the visit of Electric Umbrella on Monday. The children always get a huge amount out of it. Pupils are invited to come dressed in bright colours for the donation of £1 to this extremely worthy cause.

### Ash Wednesday at St Peter and St Paul

The whole school took collective worship in St Peter and St Paul on Wednesday to mark Ash Wednesday. Father Huw and Rev Sarah led the service which culminated in the burning of the pupils' Lent promises to make ash. The ash was then used during communion that evening. Well done to our year 6 worship group who helped to lead the service.

### School Lunches

This Wednesday we had 8 pupils at school without a packed lunch and no school dinner booking. Please could all parents check that they have booked meals in advance. Thank you.



### **Open Morning**

A reminder that next Wednesday is Open Morning (9.30 – 10.30). It is your chance to have a look around the school as children take part in lessons. Please note that there will be limited access to the Year 3 classes as they will be swimming across the morning. Year 3 parents are still welcome to come along and visit some other classrooms. Mrs Spriggs will be setting up a tea, coffee and biscuit station in the hall. Buddies will also be holding a second hand uniform sale.

### **Y4 Cricket Tournament**

13 children, along with Mrs Adams and I, attended an exciting event at Ashlyns School in Berkhamsted yesterday. It was a 'Rapid Fire' Cricket Tournament. Batting in pairs, children hit balls off tees and ran between the wickets whilst opposition fielders retrieved the balls (and quite often the tees too!). 24 teams representing 10 different schools from across Dacorum made for an action-packed afternoon. Both our teams played 5 matches and, although success was limited, great fun was had by all and I'm sure a few converts to cricket were made.

Mr Hall

### **School Drive**

We have experienced problems this week at the bottom of the school drive. Some parents are using it as a drop off point which is causing staff difficulty in getting in and leading to a dangerous traffic build up on Frogmore Street. Please could parents avoid using the drive in such a way. Thank you.

### **Year 3 and 4 Choir**

Mrs Reeve is keen for people to join her new choir. Please sign your child up via the Gateway.

### **Celebration – Joy**

3R – Otto S and Noah A

3B – Connie T and Arthur L

4H – May P and Isaac J

4F – Bruno S and Daisy S

5DR – Laura C and Gemma C

5C – Isobel R and James H

6M – Lola B and Alys P

6I – Joshua M and Elsie S

### *Outside Honours*

Poppy D – Brownie Baking and Gardening Badges

Nicolina H – Martial Arts Black Belt

### *Pen Licences*

Charlie H (3B)

### *Reading Gold Awards*

Beau W, Grace F, Olliw W-J, Maya T, Oscar E, Noah A, Dylan D, Aisha S, Emilia W, Bruno S, David G, William B, Isabel R and Joseph S

### **Around School**

Year 3 have been using their archaeological investigation skills this week. They have looked at bronze age burial artefacts and used them to learn about life in that historical period. 4H have been busy working on their collective worship about Lent. 4F have been using money to do practical Maths. Year 5 have been studying The Planets by Holst. Year 6 have been comparing Victorian prisons to modern day establishments!

### **Fantasy Football Update**

Amber E continues to dominate the league. Can she be stopped?

Overall 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Amber E (1522pts)

Leading Pupil – Amber E (1522pts)

Leading Staff Member – Mr Stanley (11<sup>th</sup> overall 1421pts)

### **Diary Dates**

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

### **Spring Term**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Electric Umbrella and Non-Uniform Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country Breakfast

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 9:30 – 10:30am	Open Morning & Buddies Second Hand Uniform Sale
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am	4F Class Collective Worship
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country Event at Bridgewater School
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Trip to Hazard Alley
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am	3R Class Collective Worship
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports Relief Mini Olympics & Non-Uniform Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm	Buddies Second Hand Uniform Sale
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am	3B Class Collective Worship
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports Relief Mini Olympics (Reserve Date)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Buddies Disco
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 4:00 – 7:00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 4:00 – 7:00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2:00 – 3:00pm	Lenten Bazaar
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April at 2:30pm	Music Celebration
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April at 9:30am	End of Term Worship at St Peter and St Paul
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April at 1:30pm	School Closes for Easter

### **Summer Term**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Starts
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Bugsy Malone – Drama Club performance
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April at 9:15am	Year 3 Collective Worship
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	NO LONGER A BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May at 9:15am	Year 4 Collective Worship
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day Bank Holiday
Week Beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Buddies Summer Fair
Week Beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Science Week
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May at 9:15am	Year 5 Collective Worship
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May at 3:30pm	Finish for Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET Day
Week Beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Swanage Trip
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am	Sports Day
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am	Reserve Date for Sports Day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	4H at Woodrow High House
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	4F at Woodrow High House
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July at 2:00pm	Year 6 Matinee Performance
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July at 7:00pm	Year 6 Evening Performance
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 at College Lake
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Buddies – Moving On Up Event
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July at 2:30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bishopwood.herts.sch.uk)

Mr Gary Stanley