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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update

As a school we have put the following measures in place to support children, staff and families:

- We have ordered in extra supplies of hand soap and are encouraging children to wash their hands frequently and thoroughly throughout the day.
- All classes have extra boxes of tissues so that we can follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach recommended by the NHS
- Antibacterial hand sanitiser has been ordered for all classes

We receive a daily update from the Government and regular updates from Herts CC and will pass these on as necessary. Professor Jim McManus, Director of Public Health, has asked us to share the following, updated, statement with parents and carers regarding Coronavirus:

Following the recent announcement of some coronavirus cases in Hertfordshire, I wanted to confirm that it is still national guidance that schools do not close.

We are aware that many parents and guardians will naturally be worried about local coronavirus cases. Current evidence indicates that most cases appear to be mild, with patients experiencing flu- like symptoms.

These new cases of coronavirus are nothing unexpected. We fully anticipate an increase in numbers which is why our services have planned for, and are ready, for this situation.

Please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus for the most up to date advice.

4F Collective Worship

Today 4F led a really enjoyable collective worship linked to reading and World Book Day. They shared with us some of their favourite books and why reading is so important. The children were clear and confident – well done!

Welcome to Mrs Finch

I am pleased to announce that, following a recent recruitment process, Mrs Finch is joining our staff team. She will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Year 5. We are looking forward to her starting once all the various paperwork has been completed.

Electric Umbrella

On Monday, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Electric Umbrella. As always, Tom and the team were enthusiastic and encouraged both staff and children to sing, dance and smile. The children loved singing along to the song 'Just Smile', which is about smiling when you see somebody that looks different instead of staring. The children even learnt some Makaton signing to match the words. Thank you to all at Electric Umbrella for another memorable visit. We hope to see you again soon!

Thank you to everyone who donated money for non-uniform day on Monday.

Football vs Dundale

In driving rain, Bishop Wood 'A' hosted Dundale in a hard fought local derby. Bishop Wood took the lead early through Zach F but the visitors fought back and equalised before half time. The second half continued to be exciting despite the conditions. Both goalkeepers, including our own Lewis F-J (making his 'A' team debut) made excellent saves. Bishop Wood gradually took control. Zach scored twice more and Fraser S rounded off a great team move to leave us 4-1 winners in the end. The score was harsh on our visitors who competed well throughout and were kept at bay partly through a superb defensive show from our MOM, Oliver F.

World Book Day



On Thursday it was National World Book Day. The theme was: 'sharing a story'. By 9.30 in the morning, every child at Bishop Wood was sharing a book! Y6s read to Y4s, Y5s read to Y3s. Della Hale, a local author, read from her book – The Grumpy Gnome's Garden. She also set a competition. Many other varied activities took place during the day: Y5 were involved in quizzes about books, Y6 designed and drew flip books, Y3 wrote text messages as their character, Y4 designed bookmarks and completed wanted posters. Overall, it was a very enjoyable day, which ended with a fashion show, where we got a good look at everyone's costumes – children and staff!

Open Morning

Thank you to all those parents who came along on Wednesday to have a look around the classes. We hope you gained a lot from your visit. Our next open morning will be an open afternoon!

Cross Country Breakfast

Thank you so much to Mrs Graham, Mrs Tizzano and Mrs Smith for giving up their time to help at the cross-country breakfast. The hall was set up like a buffet at a 5 star hotel for the 30 children who came to cross country club.

Celebration – Quality

3R – Sam F and Lane R

3B – Mati G-L and Adam E

4H – Francesca L and Ethan H

4F – Maya K and Tom H

5DR – Seth P-L, Oliver S-G and Daniel W

5C – Evie H and Georgia J

6M – Owen A and Phoebe G

6I – Holly T and Oliver B

Outside Honours

Zoe V – Running

Jake T – Athletics

Gemma C – Skiing

Poppy D – Brownie Badges

Mati G-L – Show at Waterside Theatre

Rowan C – Thame Rotary Club Swimathon

Reading Gold Awards

Isaac PC, Charlie B, Tom O, Seth P-L, Thea G, Izzie J, Erin W, Austin R, Emmeline B and Mason A-P

Around School

Year 3 have completed a really fascinating investigation into the permeability of different soils this week. They have completed some excellent write ups of the investigation. 4F have been busy researching for their class worship. This included asking all the staff what their favourite book was. 4H have been studying classic adverts and thinking about persuasive language. Year 5 have been writing revolting recipes in English. Year 6 have been writing diary entries of mischievous boggarts.

Fantasy Football Update

Following a very low scoring week, Amber E continues to lead the league. Well done to Sam T who top scored with 52 points.

Overall 1st Place – Amber E (1552pts)

Leading Pupil – Amber E (1552pts)

Leading Staff Member – Mr Stanley (11th overall 1441pts)

Diary Dates

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

Spring Term

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 12 th March	Sports Relief Mini Olympics & Non-Uniform Day
Friday 13 th March 3.30pm	Buddies Second Hand Uniform Sale
Thursday 19 th March 9.15am	3B Class Collective Worship
Thursday 19 th March	Sports Relief Mini Olympics (Reserve Date)

Friday 20 th 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 1 st 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