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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update 1

Yesterday the Government changed its advice regarding the Coronavirus pandemic and have moved into the 'delay' phase. The guidance now states that anyone with a high temperature (37.8 and above) and/or a recently acquired dry cough should self-isolate for a period of 7 days. [click here for the official guidance](#). **Please do not come on to the school site if you are exhibiting any of these symptoms. We have vulnerable children and families at the school who we need to protect.**

We are reviewing upcoming school events (Parents' Evening, Lenten Bazaar etc.) and will give you as much notice as possible should anything change.

This week I took the chance to discuss the importance of personal hygiene with the children. The school expectation on regularity of hand wash is actually not that different to normal standards:

- After each visit to the toilet
- Before morning snack
- Before eating lunch
- At the end of lunch break
- After sneezing/coughing

You will be amazed at the number of children who have needed our support to learn how to wash their hands!

Coronavirus Update 2

Father Huw emailed me this week to share some words from the Bishop of St Alban's regarding Coronavirus. They made me think so I am sharing them with you here. Take what you want from them...

The Bishop's Coronavirus Golden Rules

- **Golden Rule One:**
Each one of us can think about how we can protect and support our neighbours. So much of the public rhetoric is sowing fear about the danger of other people. So, taking all the official precautions, offer help and reassurance to others – and don't demonise anyone or any group.
- **Golden Rule Two:**
Think about who may be suffering more than me. For those of us who are healthy there is much less to worry about but the elderly, the housebound and those with chronic health conditions may be very anxious. How about each church undertaking an audit of all the vulnerable people they know and sharing out the responsibility to phone them each day. There's nothing like a friendly voice to offer solace when someone is worried. A smile can bring cheer, even on the phone. If you visit, follow all the official precautions or don't go.
- **Golden Rule Three:**
Don't give into panic and start hoarding food. There is plenty to go around, so practise the Christian discipline of sharing. Ask your neighbours what they need and do your best to help them get it. If you are self-isolating you will of course need some supplies.
- **Golden Rule Four:**
Live today to the full. None of us ever know what the future holds. In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6. 25 – 34), Jesus challenged his followers to live each day fully and not be afraid. Every time we are tempted to give in to fear we need to make a conscious choice to respond in trust and openness.

3R Collective Worship



3R delivered an outstanding class collective worship yesterday morning. They spoke with great confidence and displayed incredible comic timing. It was lovely to see how far they have come in their time at Bishop Wood. We are all very proud of them.

Football vs Long Marston

A young and inexperienced 'B' team found the going tough away at Long Marston last Friday. The team battled hard throughout despite the team having to re-organise on the day due to several absences. 0-5 down at half time, we rallied well in the second half, which we only lost 1-2, making the final score 7-1 to Long Marston. Credit must go to George A for volunteering to play in goal, Finn B for stepping in at the last minute, and Albie W for scoring our goal and being MOM.

Sport Relief Mini-Olympics

On Thursday, the whole school were involved in an afternoon of 'mini Olympics' to raise money for Sport Relief. Despite the wintery weather conditions, the children competed against other members of their class over 7 different activities. The children were enthusiastic, resilient and worked really well in their teams. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and the children did everyone proud. Thank you to the parents who came and supported us and to staff for enabling it to happen. We have raised over £300 for Sport Relief.

Cross Country at Bridgewater

On Saturday 7th March, 24 children took part in the Bridgewater X Country event in Berkhamsted. They all did amazingly well in their races, and it was lovely to see them encouraging each other from the sidelines too. Our Year 6 boys team came home with a gold medal, and Leonardo in Year 3 received a bronze medal. We were delighted that so many children took part, and were in such good spirits. Our brand new Bishop Wood flag made sure everyone knew where to go when they arrived, and our mini tent was a resting place for tired legs!

Celebration – Quality

3R – Leon S and Calum M

3B – Ellie S and Callum C

4H – Shannon I and Orla H

4F – Joshua F and Evie N

5DR – Francesca S, Bea G and Niamh C

5C – Amber E and Lucy B

6M – Albie W and Nicolina H

6I – Dylan D and Charlie B

Outside Honours

Evie N – Football

Leonardo L, Albie W, Zach F and Charlie C – Cross Country

Reading Gold Awards

Hettie J, George M, Joseph T-S, Arthur L, Lane R, Lewis F-J and Laura D

Pen Licences

Poppie L, Jonah W, Austin R and George M

Around School

3B have been thinking about the theme of forgiveness using the story of 'Jesus and the Tax Collector'. 3R thoroughly enjoyed their Collective Worship on 'Sports Relief'. 4H have been continuing with their work on adverts – this week they have been writing and filming them, whilst 4F have written persuasive letters to the MD of Cadbury. Year 5 had a fantastic day learning how to be safe at Hazard Alley. Year 6 enjoyed working in teams during the Mini-Olympics.

Fantasy Football Update

If the league finished now (and there is every chance it might!) the winners would be:

Overall 1st Place – Ian R (1600pts)

Leading Pupil – Amber E (1593pts)

Leading Staff Member – Mr Stanley (11th overall 1496pts)

Diary Dates

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

Spring Term

Thursday 19 th March 9.15am	3B Class Collective Worship
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Friday 20 th March	Buddies Disco - POSTPONED
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

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