



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Around School**

Year 3 have enjoyed telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes, and also their first swimming sessions this morning. 4DR have looked at 'Growth Mindset' as part of their PSHE lessons whilst 4H did a survey of the school grounds, looking at the plants and animals which have their habitats on the site. Year 5 also started swimming this week and enjoyed their session at the newly refurbished pool, they have also been working on Roman Numerals. During their week of SATs, Year 6 particularly enjoyed their breakfasts!

### **European Elections – School Closure**

You will remember that I contacted you on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April regarding the potential school closure due to the upcoming European Elections. Debs and I have worked hard to avoid this closure. We found an alternative local venue which could be used as a polling station but Dacorum Borough Council informed us that the polling cards had already been printed and sent out which left us no choice in the matter. It has become clear to us that there was a school of thought that these elections would not take place, and as such it has all been dealt with very last minute and with a total lack of flexibility on their part. So, as these elections loom ever closer, it looks increasingly likely that we will be closed on Thursday. I understand that this can cause some families difficulty but our priority must always be to safeguard our pupils and staff. I am in the process of writing to DBC to inform them that we will not be available for future elections in the hope that they will use the alternative venue.

### **SATs Week**

I would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 children for completing their end of Key Stage assessments this week. I'm sure that for the majority of our children this has not been the highlight of their time at Bishop Wood but they have maintained their energy and enthusiasm all week. Thank you to Mrs McGhee, Mrs Clark and all the parent helpers for supporting our SATs breakfast. It was a lovely start to the day for the Year 6 children.

### **Science Week – Plastic Bottles**

Thank you to those of you who have donated plastic bottles for our Science Week next week. We desperately need more so please send some in if you have any. Size doesn't matter. Thanks!

### **Buddies Fayre**

Tomorrow is our annual Summer Fayre. This is a huge fundraising opportunity for our amazing Buddies. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend this year as I am being installed as a Godparent at a Christening in Liverpool. I know from last year that the Summer Fayre is an excellent event with many enjoyable activities. I hope you all go along and have fun. It looks like the rain is going to stay away. Can I take the opportunity to thank the Buddies for their continued hard work and energy. They really are an asset to our school. Good luck for tomorrow!

### **Celebration**

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Ruby H and Matilda H

3B – Gene M, Dom H and Evie N

4H – Megan S and Esin S

4DR – Isla L, James H, Evie H, Ava I and Amelie M

5F – Tiegan W and Arthur M

5R – Lily P and George S

6C – None this week

6M – Sam T and Louis L

*Golden Broom – 3B*



#### *Other/Outside Honours*

David B – Youth Driving Award  
Alice F and Stanley R – Rugby  
Anna B – Irish Dancing  
Nicolina H – Swimming  
Rosie H and Lola G – Netball  
Cedd C and Tom H - Football

#### *Gold Reading Awards*

Ollie R, Dylan D, Zac F, Lily P, Isaac P-C, Freddie K and Lucy B

#### **Year 3/4 Cricket Tournament**

On Tuesday, 12 students from years 3&4 went to Tring School for a cricket tournament. All members of the team played with such enthusiasm and all really enjoyed the experience. The team played 3 games in total, and won all 3. This resulted in Bishop Wood winning the tournament and coming back with gold medals. The children represented the school brilliantly. Their skill and attitude on the pitch led to the deserved victory.

#### **Pupil Voice**

Father Huw came in on Wednesday and spoke to a randomly selected group of children about behaviour in school. His findings will be reported back to the Governing Body and any changes will be implemented in school. We currently have a really active group of governors who are positively engaged in school.

#### **Safeguarding!**

As a school we, quite rightly, put a high profile on looking after your children. One of the key documents in school is our Single Central Record (SCR) which holds all the information around DBS checks of staff and volunteers. Our SCR was recently audited by Herts CC and, with the exception of the odd typo, came back with a clean bill of health. Thanks to Mrs Lloyd for all her work on this!

#### **Walk to School Week - Junior Travel Ambassadors**

The JTA's have designed a walk to school week diary for children to fill in next week during walk to school week. The class with the most filled in diaries will get a reward!

#### **House Games**

This week Years 5 & 6 played Netball. The results were:

1<sup>st</sup> Venus                      2<sup>nd</sup> Mars                      3<sup>rd</sup> Saturn                      4<sup>th</sup> Jupiter

#### **Year Group Collective Worship**

We have set the following dates/times for Collective Worship this year. We hope to see as many of you there as possible:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June (9.15am) – Year 4  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June (9.15am) – Year 3  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June (9.15am) – Year 5  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July (2.00pm) – Year 6

#### **Coffee Morning**

A reminder that our next coffee morning will be held on: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 09.00. This event is open to all so please come along for a catch up.

## Important Dates

Sat 18th May 2019, 11:30am - 2:30pm	Buddies Summer Fayre
Mon 20th May 2019 - Fri 24th May 2019	Science Week
Mon 20th May 2019 - Fri 24th May 2019	Walk to School Week
Thu 23rd May 2019, 12:00am	European Elections (possible school closure)
Fri 24th May 2019	Swimming – Years 3 & 5
Fri 24th May 2019, 3:30pm	End of Half Term – School closes at 3.30pm
Mon 27th May 2019 - Fri 31st May 2019	Half Term Holiday
Mon 3rd June 2019	Back to School
Mon 3rd June 2019 - Fri 7th June 2019	Year 6 – Study Tour to Swanage
Wed 5th June 2019, 9:00am - 10:00am	Coffee Morning
Thu 6th June 2019, 9:15am	Year 4 Collective Worship
Thu 13th June 2019, 9:15am	Year 3 Collective Worship
Fri 14th June 2019	Dacorum School Sports Network – Netball Tournament
Fri 14th June 2019, 1:45pm - 3:45pm	Triathlon Event – at Tring School
Tue 18th June 2019	Year 3 visit St Albans Abbey
Wed 26th June 2019, 9:30am - 12:00pm	Sports Day
Thu 27th June 2019, 9:15am	Year 5 Collective Worship
Fri 28th June 2019, 1:30pm - 3:15pm	Reserve Sports Day
Sat 29th June 2019	Arts Society – Local art project exhibition
Sat 29th June 2019, 10:30am	Tring Carnival
Mon 1st July 2019 - Wed 3rd July 2019	4H – Woodrow High House
Mon 8th July 2019 - Wed 10th July 2019	4DR – Woodrow High House
Tue 9th July 2019, 2:00pm	Year 6 Play
Wed 10th July 2019, 7:00pm	Year 6 Play
Fri 12th July 2019	Buddies Moving on Up BBQ
Fri 12th July 2019, 2:15pm	Wizard of Oz – Drama Club production
Thu 18th July 2019, 2:00pm	Year 6 Collective Worship
Fri 19th July 2019	End of Term – School closes at 1.30pm
<b>Autumn Term 2019</b>	
Mon 2nd September 2019	INSET Day
Tue 3rd September 2019	Term Starts
Mon 28th October 2019 - Fri 1st November 2019	Half Term Holiday
Fri 29th November 2019	Occasional Day
Fri 20th December 2019	End of Term – School closes at 1.30pm

For more information and to view letters about upcoming events please visit the school website  
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