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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers

House Points

Congratulations to Saturn House for winning the House Point Cup this week. Current scores are shown below. The new House Point display is up in the hall and looks wonderful. Many thanks to Mrs Birley and Miss Francis for their work on this.

House	Total
Jupiter	77
Mars	49
Saturn	90
Venus	54

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Cedd C, Ruby H and Daisy S
3B – Bruno S, Annie C and Thomas M
4H – Ollie R and Rose L
4DR – Finn B, Jake T, Freya B, Amber E, Rupert M, Ava I, Ava M and Lilly J
5F – Daisy M and Megan P
5R – Hannah T and Hattie C
6C – Rhys F-L and Rose T
6M – Tom R and Dawid O

Outside Honours

Anna B and Nicolina H – Irish Dancing
Alice S – Swimming
Tom R – Gymnastics
Hettie J – Drama/speech
David B – Athletics

Golden Broom

Another great week for Year 6 – 6M!

Getting to know...Mr Stanley

This week Mr Stanley answers the questions:

- What made you want to work with children?
"The plan was to go to university to study German. However, I decided to take a break from education and spent my Gap Year working in a school in South Africa. I fell in love with the buzz of working in a school environment and changed my degree as soon as I could after landing at Heathrow. I haven't looked back since"
- What was your greatest achievement at school?
"Trapping the head of sixth form leg before wicket in the annual pupil/teacher cricket match. The ball was meant to be an off break but it just decided to go straight."



- Where is your ultimate holiday destination?
"I love holidaying in France but, ultimately, I hope to visit New Zealand for the duration of a Lion's Tour. That won't be until 2029 so I have some time to save up for it."
- Which three of your possessions would you save from a burning building?
"I am not really driven by possessions so I guess it would be: family photos, mobile phone and baby George! I am assuming that Mrs Stanley will get herself out safely."
- What is your typical Nando's order?
"I am a regular at Nando's and have worked my way through the menu. Standard order is: Half chicken (hot) corn and spicy rice plus a side order of grilled halloumi. If with a large group, a wing roulette to share often gets added."
- What are your hobbies?
"I enjoy swimming, socialising with friends and family and going to see sport live."
- What wouldn't you do for 1 million pounds?
"Sit in a room full of snakes or spiders."
- What is your main ambition?
"I desperately want to learn to sail. We live so far away from the sea that a lake may have to suffice."
- Tell us an interesting fact about yourself?
"I was born in what was then known as West Germany."

Around School

Year 3 have been learning about Stone Age hunter gatherers ahead of their visit to [Chiltern Open Air Museum](#) on 18th October. Year 4 have been having lots of fun in French lessons looking at animals. This has included some mime/drama. Mr Hall has perfected his accent so if you know any French have a chat with him. Year 5 have been completing some descriptive writing to include expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. If that doesn't make sense to you, ask them for an explanation. They will love the opportunity to teach you. Year 6 have been looking at the origins, symbols and beliefs of the Buddhist faith.

Mr Ashton

Mr Ashton is leaving the team here at Bishop Wood. He has secured himself a position with the British Transport Police. It has long been a dream of his to join the police and we are really pleased for him. We wish him well in his new career. Mr Ashton's last day at school will be Friday 19th October.

Coffee Morning

Thanks to those parents who came along to the coffee morning today. It was really successful and useful to hear some of your views on school. We will host another one on Friday 7th December at 09.00.

Head lice

Some parents have reported to us that their children are coming home with some unwanted visitors. Please could you check your child and treat if necessary. Guidance can be found [here](#). School advises all pupils with shoulder length hair to keep their hair tied back to reduce the chance of spread.

Netball

We are very pleased to announce that the school will be entering a team in the local netball league this year. Mrs Ing and Miss Record will be in charge of bringing home the silverware!

Harvest Festival

Mr Hall will be communicating directly with you regarding Harvest. Our service will take place in St Peter and St Paul at 2pm on Friday 12th October.

School Closure – advance notice!

Local elections are planned for Dacorum in 2019. The school will be used as a polling station and, as such, will be closed to pupils on Thursday May 2nd 2019. We hope that this early notice gives you enough time to make arrangements. Thanks.

Important Dates

Fri 5th October 2018, 9:00am - 10:00am	Year 5 – Welcome event for parents
Fri 5th October 2018, 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Buddies Disco for children
Mon 8th October 2018, 10:00am - 12:15pm	Year 3 – Natural History Museum, Tring
Tue 9th October 2018, 9:00am - 12:00pm	Dacorum Family Services surgery – Sam Lindars (School Family Worker)
Fri 12th October 2018, 9:00am - 10:00am	Year 3 – Meet the Teacher
Fri 12th October 2018, 2:00pm - 3:00pm	Harvest Festival
Sat 13th October 2018	Tring Apple Parade
Mon 15th October 2018, 8:00pm - 10:00pm	Buddies AGM
Thu 18th October 2018	Year 3 – Chiltern Open Air Museum
Thu 18th October 2018, 9:00am - 10:00am	Year 4 – Road Safety training for parent volunteers
Mon 22nd October 2018 - Fri 26th October 2018	Fun, Fit & Fruity Week!
Wed 24th October 2018	Year 4 – Road Safety Training
Thu 25th October 2018	Year 4 – Road Safety Training
Fri 26th October 2018	End of Half Term – School closes at 3.30pm
Mon 29th October 2018 - Fri 2nd November 2018	Half Term Holiday
Mon 5th November 2018	Back to School
Tue 6th November 2018, 9:00am - 12:00pm	Dacorum Family Services Surgery – Sam Lindars (School Family Worker)
Mon 19th November 2018, 4:00pm - 7:00pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Wed 21st November 2018, 4:00pm - 7:00pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Thu 22nd November 2018	Year 5 – Egyptian Day
Wed 28th November 2018, 2:00pm - 3:00pm	Music Celebration
Fri 30th November 2018	Occasional Day
Tue 4th December 2018, 9:00am - 12:00pm	Dacorum Family Services surgery – Sam Lindars (School Family Worker)
Fri 7th December 2018	Yrs 3, 4 & 5 – Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Wed 12th December 2018	Year 6 – Victorian Day
Wed 12th December 2018, 8:00pm - 10:00pm	Buddies Wreath Making evening
Fri 14th December 2018, 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Buddies Christmas Market
Mon 17th December 2018, 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Christmas Concert
Fri 21st December 2018	End of Term – School closes at 1.30pm

For more information and to view letters about upcoming events please visit the school website www.bishopwood.herts.sch.uk

Mr Gary Stanley