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Happy Half Term!

We have come to the end of an 8 week half term. It has been incredibly busy in school and the children have been fantastic. We are particularly impressed with how well all the new pupils to school have settled in. The children deserve a week off and we hope that this brings an opportunity for some quality family time and some rest. We will see you all again in November for what will be a busy half term as we approach Advent and Christmas!

School Senior Leadership Team

We have been in an ongoing process of restructuring the school senior leadership team since Mr Hall announced his retirement last year. As part of this we appointed Mr Patten into the role of Deputy Headteacher. We also made an internal restructure and have appointed Mrs Ing and Mrs Clark to the role of Assistant Headteacher. Congratulations to them!

Activity Ambassadors

Hi, we are the new Activity Ambassadors (SSOCs): Millie, Astrid, Callum, Wills, Alice and Lucy. On Friday, we went to the Sports Village at the University of Hertfordshire for a training day. We did various activities such as buckaroo, blaze pods, endgame, soft archery, judo, boxing, fitness activities and many more. We also met GB Karate World Champion, Jordan Thomas. Overall, it was an incredibly joyful experience, though we did get a bit tired by the end! We thank our school for this amazing opportunity and hope that we can inspire others to get into sports more, like we were. In the coming terms, we hope to introduce activities like buckaroo and lower school netball to our school. Thank you!

From Mille, Callum, Wills, Astrid, Lucy and Alice

Fun, Fit and Fruity Week

It has been a busy week, with so many activities linked to the children's health, fitness and wellbeing going on inside and outside the school. We have welcomed various visitors to all year groups and they have been impressed with the children's behaviour, attention and enthusiasm, which is wonderful to hear.

A special thank you to all the parents who have helped with the fun run, road safety, pizza making, biker's breakfast - we are so grateful that you give up your time to help enrich the children's experiences.

Thank you to the Active Travel Ambassadors as well, who took the assembly on Be Bright Be Seen Day, judged the blinged bikes, and collated the results of Walk to School Week. They have certainly been busy the past two weeks. **If your children have walked, cycled, scooted or parked and strode this week, when they usually come by car, the ATAs would really like them to keep it up, so that our school % can remain at over 90%, keeping our air clean, our roads clear, and our children fit and healthy.**

Also thank you to our Year 6 sports ambassadors, who put last Friday's training to good use, giving up two of their playtimes to treat the Year 3's to a hilarious game called 'Buckaroo' - do ask your children about it!

Half term challenge

We would like children to create a new 'food bin monster' to display on the green food waste bins in each classroom. The message is that all food waste, no other waste, should be put in these bins. We have had some excellent creations in the last few years! There will be a winner in each class. Of course your child does not have to take part in this challenge

Emails to Office

If you email the office and need information or a message to be delivered to one or multiple children, please could you do your best to include surnames and their class. This will speed the process up for everyone involved and will help to ensure that the right people receive the right info. You will appreciate that we may have lots of children called Tom, for example!

Dogs on Site



A gentle reminder that, with the exception of assistance dogs, Bishop Wood is a dog free site. Thank you all for supporting us with this.

Christmas Card Orders

Our Christmas Card Project shop is open! You can order Christmas cards, wrapping paper, mugs, and more items featuring your child's artwork. All funds raised go directly to supporting our school. The shop closes soon so be sure to get your orders in! Visit [this link](#) to order Christmas Cards!

Black History Month

As always, we have been busy studying various aspects of Black History this month. Year 3 have completed an in depth study of Floella Benjamin and her book 'Coming to England'. Year 4 enjoyed looking at 'Journey to Jo'burg' which is an age appropriate look at racial segregation and apartheid in South Africa. Year 5 have studied Katherine Johnson, who worked for NASA and whose calculations of orbital mechanics were critical to the success of US crewed spaceflights. Year 6 have created some amazing poetry based on the Empire Windrush as well as looking at Malorie Blackman and studying Empire, slavery and its impact.

Parents Consultation – Autumn Term

Parent Consultations are taking place week beginning 11th November. Debs will be sending out all the info you need to book in a separate letter. It is a busy letter so it might need a couple of read throughs!

Music Performance for after half term

Our music performer for the celebration assembly after half term will be Esmé P (4A)!

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Beatrice B and Evie R
3S – Grace C and Hugo A
4A – Eli B and Paisley P
4PS – Evelyn L and Alex G
5DR – Anthony W and Arthur B
5H – Zach K and Bela DS
6C – Astrid G and Millie G
6M – Emilija G and Izzy H

Well done – keep up the excellent work!

Behaviour Champions – Well done to the following pupils who were our behaviour champions this week. These pupils are amazing role models and live our school values.

3I - Nancy C
3S - Hal W
4A - Ellie H
4PS - Leo C
5DR - Indy R
5H - Gabriella RB
6C - Callum H
6M - Alice C

Other Honours

Pom-Poms – 5DR

Around School

This week

Year 3 have enjoyed tasting a rainbow of fruit and vegetables as part of FFF week. Year 4 have been writing diary journals about the Rosetta Stone. Year 5 have enjoyed completing their myths based on Beowulf, and Year 6 enjoyed their pizza making session as part of FFF week.

Monday Gate Task

On the Monday after half term, you must walk through the gate to Mrs Adams and Mr Patten and let them know what your highlight from the half term holiday was. Good luck!

Diary Dates

Please find below a list of key dates for the Autumn Term. We will add to this as we progress through the school year.

New dates will be highlighted.

Date	Event
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 5 – Anglo Saxon Day
Monday 18 th November	4PS – Trip to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Temple
Friday 22 nd November	4A – Trip to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Temple
Friday 29 th November	Occasional Day – School Closed
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch for Pupils (Details to Follow)
Friday 20 th December	1.30pm – School closes for Christmas

Thank you and best wishes
Mr Stanley