

IMPORTANT UPDATES & REMINDERS

INSET – School Closed

Friday 24th November

Performances

9:15am in the Lower Hall

Friday 8th December – Reception Christmas Singing

Friday 15th December – Year 2 Christmas Concert

Children In Need

Well done to all the children and staff who came to school last Friday wearing 'spots' to support the Children in Need charity. Everybody looked great and learnt lots about this fantastic charity. Thank you to Debbie and our MPs for preparing and delivering two wonderful assemblies. We are very pleased to announce that together we raised over £430. Well done everybody!



Public Speaking Competition

This week four children from Bowes took part in the final of the Enfield Public Speaking Competition. Other schools in Enfield also took part and we heard a range of different speeches. Freddie's speech was entitled 'Would you cheat?', Japleen's was 'Never give up, no matter what', Amy spoke about 'The ups and downs of being small' and Rua talked about 'A misunderstood creature'. The standard of the speeches was extremely high and the judges definitely had a tough time identifying the winner. Freddie won third place and Rua was awarded first place with her slithering speech about Snakes. The winning speech combined the skills of Delivery, Content and Structure along with a passion for the subject. The children said, "It was a great experience and boosted our confidence" and "It was extremely nerve-racking but I loved it at the same time."

Congratulations to all our finalists and to Freddie and Rua for their winning speeches. Well done!

Bring A Grown Up To School

Our next 'Bring A Grown Up To School Day' is on **Friday 1st December**. This is an opportunity for one adult member of your family to join your child in class.

The event will run for:

**Reception, Years 1 and 2 from 8:55 – 10:10am
or from 10:30 – 11:45am.**

**Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 8:55 – 10:30am
or from 10:45 – 11:45am.**

If you have **more than 1 child** in these year groups please split your time between classes. If you only have **1 child** in these year groups **please choose 1 session** – it helps us to manage numbers!

**Refreshments will be served in the Lower Hall
10:10 – 10:45am.**

The focus in classes for the morning will be **Science** and you will be able to see how we teach certain aspects of the Science curriculum as well as take home lots of ideas on how you can support your child at home.

Pokemon Cards

We would like to inform you that Pokemon cards are no longer allowed in school. A text was also sent out last week to parents. Trading and playing with these cards is unfortunately causing disruptions and disputes during the school day. Thank you for your support.



Showcases

Our first Showcases of this academic year will take place on the following days and times:

Mulberry Class – Friday 8th December, 2:30pm in the Top Hall

Chestnut Class – Friday 15th December, 2:30pm in the Top Hall

Just a reminder that showcases are for Parents only. We are unable to arrange for all the siblings in the school to leave their class and visit at the same time. The Showcases are an opportunity for your child to share their work in a relaxed environment. Many of the children also take on specific roles during the showcases which we would like them to do confidently to a smaller audience.

Nursery & Reception Admissions for September 2018

Please remember if your child has a sibling who would like to start our Nursery or Reception in September 2018 you will need to make a new application. The portal is open to receive applications from now until 15th January 2018. Our final New Parent Tour of Bowes New Southgate will take place on Wednesday 29th November.

Christmas Lunch

You should have received a Christmas Lunch letter in your child's book bag last week. Please ensure that the form is completed and returned to the school office by **Thursday 30th**

November as we need to order the food in advance. Thank you for your cooperation.



Sickness and Diarrhoea

At this time of the year there are a lot of bugs going around. If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea please keep them at home for at least 48 hours after the last bout.



Please see next page for the latest Friends of Bowes News

Steel Pans Performance

The Steel Pans groups (Elm Class and the After School Club groups) will be performing on **Thursday 14th December at 2:30pm** in the Top Hall. All parents with children in Elm Class and the After School Club Groups are welcome to attend.



Attendance

W/C 6th November 2017

KS1	Maple Class	98%
KS2	Beech Class	100%

W/C 13th November 2017

KS1	Spruce Class	100%
KS2	Elm Class	99%

Well done everybody!

Diary Dates 2017-18

24 th Nov	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
1 st Dec	Bring A Grown Up To School
8 th Dec	Reception Christmas Singing 9:15am
14 th Dec	Steel Pans Performance 2:30pm
15 th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Concert 9:15am
18 th Dec	FOB Santa visit and discos
20 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
21 st Dec	School Ends
3 rd Jan	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
4 th Jan	School Starts
12 th – 16 th Feb	HALF TERM
29 th Mar	School Ends
16 th Apr	School Starts
28 th May–1 st Jun	HALF TERM
15 th Jun	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
19 th Jul	School Ends
20 th Jul	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED

Friends of Bowes News

With the run up to Christmas there is lots going on - we hope you and your children will enjoy them.

Winter Fair - Saturday 2nd December 4-6pm - we are busy organising a fun Winter Fair with a Santa's Grotto, mulled wine, mince pies, hot chocolate, lovely singing from the school choir and fun stalls for the children. Please come along to help welcome in the Festive season. **Tombola** - we are still looking for donations for the tombola - any alcohol, chocolates, toiletries, unwanted gifts etc please place in the collection box in the school office. **Extra helpers** - without volunteers our events can't take place. If you could help set up from around midday, run a stall or help clear up - please email FOB.

Christmas Trees - once again we've teamed up with a local Christmas tree farmer and are selling his wonderful top-quality Christmas trees at bargain prices which can be collected on Friday 8th December from the school office between 3pm-6pm. We are also offering a limited amount for delivery on Saturday 9th December between 9am-1pm. Order now via our website www.pta-events.co.uk/bowes (small booking fee applies) by 5th December.

Christmas Hamper Raffle - your class reps will be in contact very shortly, asking you to donate one festive item such as food, biscuits, wine, tea, puddings, preserves, etc which will then be collated so each class creates a Christmas Hamper. All hampers are then raffled off on Friday 15th December, giving you, friends, family and neighbours a chance to win one - a great way to start the festive season! Letters including raffle tickets are being sent home next week. Extra raffle tickets are available from the school office.

Christmas Cards - thank you for ordering your Christmas cards, tags, mugs, tea towels and bags. The order deadline has now passed so no more orders can be accepted. As soon as we receive your items we will get them distributed to the children to take home.

Bowes 2018 Calendar - many thanks to everyone who entered our front cover competition. We had some wonderful entries. Congratulations to Rehan in Cherry class for winning and to D'Jhane in Ash class and to Chloe in Chestnut class for coming runners up. Calendars will be on sale at the Winter Fair and a letter will be sent home shortly on other ways to buy.

Pop-up Coffee Morning - a huge thank you to Patricia, Ingrid and Laurence who got up early and manned the pop-up coffee and muffin stall on Wednesday morning. They made a total of **£102** for FOB - and thank you to everyone who stopped by to grab a drink or muffin.

Book Fair - another huge thank you to everyone who bought books at our book fair and to those who volunteered their time to run it. We are very pleased to have raised a total of **£643.82** for school to spend on new books with Scholastic. A FANTASTIC result!

Cake Sales - many thanks for all those who baked, bought and sold cakes for the Year 2 cake sale held on 10th November. Our first cake sale of the year was a sell-out success raising a record £181.71 which will be going towards the cost of a future planned school trip for Year 2. Our next planned cake sale will be for Year 3 on 19th January 2018.

Thank you,
Vicky Woodward and Tina Solari
Co-Chairs, FOB

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Bowes Winter Fair Poster on next page

Bowes Primary School



New to Theatre

BOWES Winter Fair

Saturday 2nd December
4-6pm

Festive
Treats

Santa's
Grotto
£3

Singalong
&
Musical
Performances

Tombola Christmas Crafts Games
Mulled Wine & Hot chocolate Glow Sticks
Festive Fun for all the Family
Choir Hot Dogs & Veggie Sausages

Entry £1
Children go Free

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