

IMPORTANT UPDATES & REMINDERS

End of Term

School finishes at 2pm on Thursday 21st December.
There will be no After School Club on this day.

New Year

We return in the New Year on Thursday 4th January at 8:55am.

Season's Greetings

We would like to wish all our families, staff, governors and trustees a happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year! Christmas at Bowes this year has been fantastic and as always filled with many memorable performances!

Well done to the Year 2 team and all the children in Year 2 for their fantastic performance of 'A Nativity Hoedown'. All the children performed with lots of enthusiasm and it was a delight to watch.

This week the children had a fantastic time at their Christmas discos and enjoyed their visit from Father Christmas. Thank you to the Friends of Bowes for funding the discos and the class presents Father Christmas delivered.

Well done to Elm Class, the after school Steel Pan clubs and the Year 5/6 choir for such a lovely Winter Music Concert yesterday. Thank you to Abdul and Miranda for all their hard work in preparing the children over the past few weeks.

Today we shared a lovely Christmas Lunch and we would like to thank Louis and his team for serving hundreds of delicious meals. The hall looked very jolly and it was lovely seeing everyone in their festive outfits.

Staffing Update

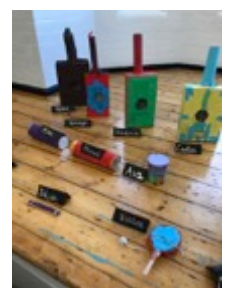
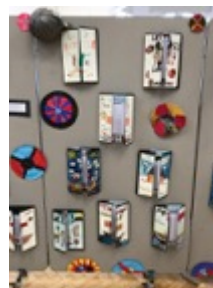
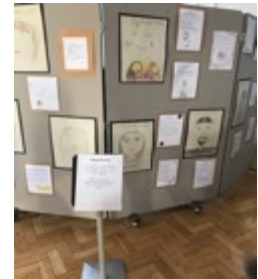
Tomorrow we will be saying goodbye to Nicky Movsessian (Rowan Class Teacher) who is starting her maternity leave. We are sure you would like to join us in wishing her all the best as she prepares for her new arrival. Good Luck, Nicky!

Showcases

Well done to the following classes and staff for their fantastic showcases over the last two weeks:

- Mulberry Class, Alex, Sharon.H, Fatemeh & Estefania
- Chestnut Class, Katie, Christine & Sharon.T

The showcases were a huge success displaying lots of excellent work. Thank you to all the parents who came along.



Friends of Bowes News

We have had such a busy term with lots of fundraising events taking place and due to the many volunteers and our community coming together we have already raised a fantastic amount of over **£5,000**. Here is a run of events that have taken place this term and how much was raised.

Pop-Up Coffee Morning - £102
Book Fair - £643.82
Winter Fair - £3,000
Christmas Cards - £381.31
Christmas Trees - £855
Pop-Up Coffee Morning - £91.49
Hamper Raffle - To be confirmed
Bowes 2018 Calendar - To be confirmed

Pop up Coffee Morning - Thank you to Patricia and her team of helpers who got up early and ran yet another successful pop-up coffee morning on Wednesday 13th December selling delicious homemade festive muffins plus tea and coffee. They raised £91.49. We shall be running another pop-up coffee morning in the New Year.

Christmas Hamper Raffle - Many thanks to everyone who contributed to your class Christmas hamper and congratulations to the 16 families who won a hamper in our draw that took place on Friday 15th December. Winners will have received a text message to arrange collection from the school office.

London to Southend Bike Event - Are you a keen cyclist or would be up for a challenge, raising money for our school? The London to Southend Bike Event will be taking place on **Sunday 22nd July 2018**, 52 miles. Please let your class rep know or email Friends of Bowes if you are interested and we'll provide you with full details.

SAVE THE DATE - Our ever popular **Musical Bingo** is back on **Friday 2nd February 2018 7:30pm-11:00pm**. We play bingo, but instead of numbers, we play songs! Fun prizes to be won plus a fully licensed bar including snacks. Put the date in your diary and book babysitters. Tickets will be available in the New Year.

Cake Sale - Our next **cake sale** will be for **Year 3** on **19th January 2018** at 3:15pm in the main playground. All money raised will go towards the cost of a school trip.

Our next FOB committee meeting will be **7:30-9:00pm** on **Wednesday 10th January 2018** in the **Meadow**. All welcome.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you,

Vicky Woodward and Tina Solari
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Attendance

W/C 4th December 2017

KS1	Maple Class	99%
KS2	Beech Class	99%

W/C 11th December 2017

KS1	Maple Class	99%
KS2	Mulberry Class	98%
	Apple Class	100%

Well done everybody!

Diary Dates 2017-18

21 st Dec	School Ends
3 rd Jan	INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED
4 th Jan	School Starts
26 th Jan	Cedar Class Assembly
2 nd Feb	Spruce Class Assembly
9 th Feb	Rowan Class Assembly
12 th - 16 th Feb	HALF TERM
28 th Feb	Class Photographs
2 nd Mar	Elm Class Assembly
9 th Mar	Mulberry Class Assembly
23 rd Mar	Maple Class Assembly
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

More information about the London to Southend Bike Event can be found on the next page



BIKE FOR BOWES 22ND JULY 2018



LONDON TO SOUTHEND BIKE EVENT

Distance: 52 miles (gorgeous country lanes and seaside vistas)

Team Entry per person: £21.50

When: Sunday 22nd July 2018 (first Sunday after school breaks up)

Why: because it's fun and to raise funds for Bowes via sponsorship

Please let your class rep know you are interested and we'll provide you with full details.

