

### IMPORTANT UPDATES & REMINDERS

#### Class Assemblies

9:10am in the Lower Hall

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Maple Class Assembly

#### Individual Photographs

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

#### Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

#### Children In Need

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, non-uniform day, £1 donation

#### INSET – School Closed

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

### Learning Quests

Please find below a list of all the class learning quests for this half term. Information about each quest can be found on the school website.

Willow Nursery	Sparkly Dark
Laurel Class	All Aboard The Laurel Express!
Magnolia Class	Choo, Choo, Beep, Beep!
Cherry Class	Back In Time
Cedar Class	Me And My Time Machine
Ash Class	Location, Location, Location!
Beech Class	Destination Enfield
Rowan Class	Let It Burn!
Spruce Class	Ring Of Fire!
Oak Class	Fragile Planet
Maple Class	Green Glory
Holly Class	Miraculous Maya!
Hazel Class	Mind-blowing Maya!
Elm Class	Darwin's Discoveries
Chestnut Class	Charles Darwin's Amazing Discoveries
Apple Class	Where I Am In The World

### Parent Partnership Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended our partnership meetings last week. We hope you found the information useful and enjoyed seeing what your child has been busy doing at school this term.

### Children In Need

Bowes will be supporting Children in Need again this year. This charity raises money to change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. The theme again this year at Bowes is 'SPOTS', so on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** we are asking all children to add a dash of spots to their outfits or dress as something spotty. To raise money, we are asking for donations of **£1 per child**. Please put the date in your diaries and remember to think spots!



### General Election – School Closure

It has been confirmed that a General Election is to take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. This means that Bowes Primary School will be closed on this date, as we will be used as a local Polling Station.

### Anti-Bullying Week

As part of our annual Anti-Bullying Week, we will be taking part in **Odd Socks Day** on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. This is a chance to celebrate that we are all unique. All we ask is that the children wear odd socks to school on this day. Millions of children and adults will be taking part across the country.



During the week, our MPs and School Councillors will be leading assemblies with the focus 'Change starts with us'. Everybody will be taking part in a range of activities, including our customary mix-up afternoon for children in Years 3 – 6.

We want everyone to understand what bullying is and strategies to overcome it. The Bowes anti-bullying motto is TELL, TELL, TELL. We want all children to come to school feeling safe, happy and confident that they will be treated with equality, kindness and respect.

## Bring A Grown Up To School

Our next 'Bring A Grown Up To School' morning will be on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. This is an opportunity for **one adult member** of your family to join your child in class.

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

There will be two sessions in the morning.

If you only have one child in these year groups, please only attend one session to help us manage numbers!

If you have **more than one child** in these year groups please split your time between classes.

Reception, Years 1 and 2	8:55 - 10:10am <b>or</b> 10:30 - 11:45am
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	8:55 - 10:30am <b>or</b> 10:45 - 11:45am

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

There will also be a Waste Prevention showcase in the Hall during this time. Please come and have a look and pick up some freebies.

\*Please can we ask that alternative arrangements are made for younger siblings as we have very limited space in the classrooms and around the school\*

Unfortunately, due to space, there will be limited additional seating in the classrooms, so please bear this in mind when the children start working at their tables.

Please can we also remind you that **mobile phones should not be used** in the classrooms or around the school during this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Keeping Children Safe

At Bowes, we are here to help make sure that no child experiences harm from bullying. The websites below will help you talk to your child about what to do if they are worried about themselves, or someone else, being bullied - either in person or online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/>

Bullying is:

**Intentional:** It is on purpose, hurtful behaviour.

**Repeated:** The behaviour happens more than once.

**Harmful:** It hurts the body and/or feelings.

Bullying is not when two people have a disagreement or fall out over something, it is usually...

**Several Times On Purpose - STOP!**

## Long Hair

If your child has long hair, please can we encourage this to be tied back every day for school. It is a sensible precaution, not only for PE lessons, but also for playtimes, classroom activities and to prevent the spread of head lice. Thank you!

### Attendance

#### W/C 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019

KS1	Beech Class	98%
KS2	Spruce Class	99%

#### W/C 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

KS1	Ash Class	98%
KS2	Holly Class	99%

Well done everybody!

### Diary Dates 2019/20

11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	Individual Photographs
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	Odd Socks Day
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	Maple Class Assembly
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	Children In Need
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2019	Bring A Grown Up To School
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	<b>INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	Reception Christmas Singing, 9:15am
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	Rock Steady Performance, 2pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	<b>Polling Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	Year 2 Christmas Concert, 9:15am
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	School Ends
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	School Starts
17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr 2020	School Ends
20 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2020	School Starts
8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	<b>BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
19 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2020	<b>INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2020	School Ends
20 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2020	<b>INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> Jul 2020	<b>INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>

**Please see next page for the latest Friends of Bowes News**

## Your Friends of Bowes

The purpose of your Friends of Bowes is to support and develop a vibrant community for our children and provide financial assistance to our school through fundraising please help us with your time, money and contacts - as each is able



calling

### Nursery PM parents

please team up to bring together a group of reps from your class to help make our school as good as it can be!  
each class needs reps to co-ordinate the efforts of parents for cake sales, winter fair, Christmas hampers and the summer fair and keep the class involved

please drop off your donations of toddler things today after school!



### Committee Meeting

Wednesday  
13<sup>th</sup> November  
7 for 7.30pm  
in the staffroom  
all parents are  
welcome



year 2 cake sale  
well done all! you sold out and raised £123 towards a trip

next up year 1, on the 15th

available for after school club Monday  
18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

thank-you, as always, for your support - don't forget....be more Bowes!

**Benita Hexter and Nessa Parkinson, Chairs and the FoB Committee**

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