

### IMPORTANT UPDATES & REMINDERS

#### Class Assemblies

9:10am in the Lower Hall  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Ash Class Assembly  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Beech Class Assembly

#### Half Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

#### Class Photographs

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

### Young Voices at the O2

Last week, 82 members of the Year 5 & 6 Choir took part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena. It was a fantastic concert, performing with over 8000 children from other schools. This year's special guests included: Tony Hadley, Urban Strides, The Shires and Ruti.

The children from Bowes showed real enthusiasm and commitment throughout this project and we thank them for all their hard work, learning the lyrics and dance moves to so many songs. They represented the school admirably! Thank you also to all the staff who gave up their time to accompany the children on the day and special thanks to Miranda for all her hard work and commitment to our Choir. Here are a few quotes from our performers:

*'Singing at the O2 was a once in a lifetime experience.'*

*'It was amazing singing with so many children from lots of different schools.'*

*'We loved singing in such a big arena. We couldn't believe how big the O2 was.'*

### Staffing Update

On Wednesday, we said goodbye to Natalie Griffiths who is starting her maternity leave after the half term break. We are sure you would like to join us in wishing her all the best as she prepares for her new arrival. Good luck, Natalie!

### Waste Management – Congratulations to Bowes Eco Squad

As you may be aware, the children and staff took part in a Waste Management programme in the Autumn term – run by Ecoactive and the North London Waste Authority. Primary and Secondary schools across North London were taking part. The Bowes Eco Squad – children from Years 4, 5 & 6, at New Southgate and Southgate Green – were involved in the workshops and put in place many activities in school. We are very pleased to announce that Bowes has been awarded first place with a prize of £500, for our brilliant performance and commitment. As a school, we have shown the biggest decrease in waste from the beginning to the end of the programme. The judging team were very impressed with our achievements in such a short time and hope that this will continue. We are very proud of this achievement which will be celebrated in a prize-giving event in March. We will let you know how the Eco Squad plan to spend the winnings in due course. Special thanks to Debbie, Christine, Sophie and the children involved for their commitment to the project.

### Reminder – World Book Day

World Book Day will be taking place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. As in previous years, children can come to school dressed as a book character. No donations are being asked for on this occasion. Please help your child to find/make items to wear, rather than buying anything. Class teachers will stress this and help the children with further suggestions. We will also remind the children that there are many characters that actually wear 'regular' clothes! More ideas can be found at <https://www.worldbookday.com/>. Your child will also receive a £1 Book Token, which can be exchanged for a World Book Day book, or used towards a payment on a book.



## Reminder - Year 3 Swimming

Rowan Class and Spruce Class will start their swimming lessons at Arnos Pool on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**. For their swimming lessons, children will need to bring in their swimwear and a towel in a named waterproof bag. Please remember to remove all jewellery as it cannot be worn in the pool. We know the children will have a great time learning this essential life-skill.

## Sport Relief

On **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be supporting Sport Relief again. This is the day, every two years, when people across the UK come together to get active, raise money and change lives. This day will be a **non-uniform day** and children will need to come to school in sportswear. As we are raising money for the Sport Relief charity we would appreciate a **£1 donation** from each child. During the week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we will also be selling Sports Relief wristbands for £1 each. These will be available to purchase by the children during the school day.



## Coronavirus

There has been lots in the news recently regarding the Coronavirus so we would like to reassure you that the school is receiving regular advice from Health Protection England to ensure that all our pupils remain safe. The advice to date is that we would remind all staff and pupils of the importance of good hygiene practices to stop the spread of infection. All classes have boxes of tissues for pupils to use and all pupils are being regularly reminded throughout the day that hands should be washed with soap and water, even if hands are visibly clean. Shared areas and door handles are also being cleaned throughout the day to prevent the spread of infection. Further advice can be found later in this newsletter.

## Music News

Bookings and renewals for Enfield Music Service lessons and activities for the Summer Term 2020 are now only available to purchase from the online Music Store at <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore>. EMS will no longer accept paper applications or payments by cash/cheque. All customers (including existing Music Service users) will need to create a new account on their first visit to the Music Store by clicking on the 'New Customer' link in the top right-hand corner of the screen. Further information and guidance can be found in the FAQs section at <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicservice/faqs>

**The deadline for booking sessions for the Summer Term 2020 is 1<sup>st</sup> March.** More information can be found on the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

## Keeping Children Safe

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday this week and the children attended an assembly to remind them of the importance of staying safe online. This year in the UK, the focus was on encouraging young people to explore how they manage their online identity, and how the internet shapes how they think of themselves and others. Please remind your children of ways to stay safe online and the importance of keeping personal information safe and private.

## Resources Request

We have a number of classes who will be working with wood next half term. If you have any wood pieces/lengths that you would like to donate to the school it would be greatly appreciated. UNUSED wooden BBQ skewers also needed. Thank you for your support!

## Reception Playground

During the half term break the equipment in the Reception playground will be removed and the area will receive new tarmac. We are looking forward to developing this new area in the coming weeks.

### Attendance

#### W/C 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020

KS1	Ash Class	97%
KS2	Spruce Class	97%

#### W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

KS1	Cedar Class	96%
KS2	Rowan Class	97%

Well done everybody!

### Diary Dates 2020

17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half Term
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020	Class Photographs
5 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2020	World Book Day
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2020	Ash Class Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2020	Sport Relief
20 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2020	Beech Class Assembly
27 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2020	Rock Steady Performance, 2:15pm
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>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2020	<b>INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020	<b>INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020	School Starts

**Please see additional pages for the latest Coronavirus advice and Music News flyer**

## **Coronavirus – Advice for all early years providers, schools and further education providers**

### **Advice for parents/guardians intending to travel abroad this half term**

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel abroad this half term to countries where there is a higher risk of transmission.

The affected countries are: China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

If so, please refer to <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/news/498/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-update> for the latest travel advice.

Public Health England has also issued general advice for members of the public <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public#advice-for-travellers>

### **What action you should take**

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

Anyone who has travelled to the UK from the countries listed in the last 14 days and is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath, should to stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.

Further information is available from <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

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