

Bowes Primary School



# Latest News

26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Important Updates & Reminders

### End of Term

School finishes on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** at the current end of the day arrangement times (there will be no early finish on this day). After School Club will be running.

Willow Nursery sessions will take place at the usual times.

We return for the summer term on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**.



## Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Well done to all the children, staff, parents and younger siblings who took part in Red Nose Day last week. Everybody had lots of fun coming to school in their pyjamas/onesies and we loved all the funny hairstyles and face decorations. Together we raised a fantastic **£586**. Well done everybody!



## Staffing Update

Next week, we will be saying a very sad goodbye to Estefania who is leaving Bowes to return to Spain. Estefania has been part of the staff team for 8 years and we thank her for all her hard work, support and commitment. Good luck Estefania, you will be missed!

Good luck to Alex who is getting married during the Easter break. We hope you get your special day this time! Unfortunately, Alex's wedding during the Christmas holidays was unable to go ahead due to lockdown restrictions.

## Chromebook Care

It is great that the Chromebooks are being used for both home and school use to support learning, but please can we remind all our families that the device is on loan and remains school property. Unfortunately, we have seen a number of Chromebooks not being looked after in accordance with the loan agreement. In school, we are regularly reminding the children about how to look after their Chromebooks and ways to use them safely. We have also explained that as the device belongs to the school, they should not be sticking stickers on the Chromebook, charger or case. Here are some of the key points from the loan agreement that we would appreciate you sharing with your child:

- Treat the Chromebook as you would any valuable item.
- Do not walk around carrying the Chromebook, except when it is in its protective case.
- Only touch the screen gently, and be gentle with the keyboard, trackpad and ports.
- Do not eat or drink near the Chromebook.
- When not being used, store the Chromebook in a secure place, out of sight.
- Do not leave the device in a car.
- Do not lend the Chromebook to anyone.
- Use in a safe way, ideally at a table with an appropriate height chair for use, without trailing cables or other hazards.



The full Chromebook Parent Loan Agreement can be viewed [here](#).  
Thank you for your support.

## Easter Holidays

School will be closed as usual for the Easter holidays (2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April). The government has announced that schools are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during this time.

Please remember to let the school know, by emailing the Bowes office, if your child tests positive for Covid-19 at the start of the holidays. We have been provided with the following contact tracing guidance from the Department of Education:

- If a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (Covid-19), having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (Covid-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school**, schools are not required to take any action. Staff and parents should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

## Polling Day at Bowes New Southgate

We have been informed that the Bowes New Southgate site will be used as a polling station for the upcoming local elections. This means that the New Southgate site, including Willow Nursery, will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**. On this day, we will be providing remote learning for all New Southgate children in Reception to Year 6 through Google Classroom. Bowes Southgate Green will remain open on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May and we will make arrangements for the Southgate Green after school club children to remain at the Southgate Green site on this occasion.

## Keeping Children Safe

Have you ever had concerns about the welfare of a child?

Perhaps you think they are being neglected – left alone in the house or looking unkempt.

You might have witnessed a parent or other adult physically or verbally mistreating a child.

If you have concerns, we are happy to listen to you and support you in making a decision about whether to take the concerns further. All our staff have up to date child protection training and a core group are designated child protection leads.

If you are worried about the safety of a child and are not able to contact the school, you can call the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000 or the Enfield Children’s Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 020 8379 5555 (Mon – Thu 9am – 5pm; Fri 9am – 4:45pm).

Out of office hours call: 020 8379 1000 (select option 2 and you will be transferred to an advisor).

Remember in an emergency always call 999.



## Attendance and Punctuality

It is more important than ever for children to arrive at school on time and to be at school every day. Our staggered start times are there to help ease congestion and to support social distancing, but we do need all children to arrive on time, so that they are ready to learn. We ask that all parents try their very best to get to school on time, it is not fair for a child to have to walk into a classroom late. If you drive, please allow additional time to park in the mornings.

### Attendance

#### New Southgate

w/c 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

KS1 Laurel & Cherry 99%

KS2 Hazel Class 100%

w/c 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

KS1 Cherry Class 100%

KS2 Rowan Class 98%

#### Southgate Green

w/c 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

KS1 Ruby Class 100%

KS2 Crystal Class 99%

w/c 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

KS1 Ruby Class 98%

KS2 Coral Class 97%

**Well done everybody!**

### Diary Dates 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Apr 2021

School Ends

19<sup>th</sup> Apr 2021

School Starts

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

**BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**New Southgate site closed – Polling Day**

31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> Jun

Half Term

7<sup>th</sup> Jun 2021

**INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED**

23<sup>rd</sup> Jul 2021

School Ends

1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2021

**INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2021

**INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2021

**INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED**

6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021

School Starts