

Bowes Primary School



# Latest News

21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

## Dear Parents, Staff and Children

Friday will bring us to the end of another academic year at Bowes. Again, this one has been very different, but we cannot forget all the amazing things that have happened in school. The children have continued to experience a broad and balanced curriculum through our learning quests and we have had opportunities to enhance their learning through local trips or visitors into school. We would like to thank the whole school community, children, staff and parents, for all the hard work and support you have shown, especially through such a challenging and difficult time. We are all hopeful for a normal return in September.

We would also like to thank the Friends of Bowes for their fundraising efforts during these very limited times. Together, valuable funds have been raised for the school. It has been such a shame not to have had our Summer and Winter fairs this year, but hopefully they will return in the next academic year. In recent weeks, many children in Key Stage 2 participated in the annual Children's Quizzes. A great time was had by all!

On Friday, we will be saying a very sad farewell to all the children in Year 6 (Emerald, Hazel and Holly). They have been a fantastic year group and have shown great resilience over the last two disruptive years. We wish them all the best as they leave Bowes and move on to the next phase of their education. Good luck, Year 6!

As mentioned previously, we have some class teachers and a deputy headteacher leaving us at the end of this week. Good luck to Gulev, Jane, Alev, Marie and Pav. We will also be saying goodbye to some members of our support staff team. Paula, who has been at Bowes for over 17 years, is leaving us this week. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment! Goodbye and good luck also go to Tegy, Judith, Gamze, Gyanny, Gul, Renata and Marcus. We wish you all the best!

Last week, we sent out all the information regarding classes for September and today we sent out our plans for when the school reopens in September. Please take the time to read through the arrangements letter.

School will finish on Friday at **2pm** for Reception, Apple and Years 1 - 3, and **2:10pm** for Years 4 – 6. There will be no After School Club on this day. Willow Nursery are finishing tomorrow (Thursday) at their usual session times.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a fantastic summer break and look forward to seeing you all again when we return on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**.

**Effie Demetriou**  
Headteacher

## Science Day

The children had a great Science Day recently and took part in lots of exciting investigations and experiments. They also all attended a fantastic workshop delivered by 'Sublime Science'. Here are a few photos from the day.



## Year 6 Visit to the Wild Forest Activity Centre

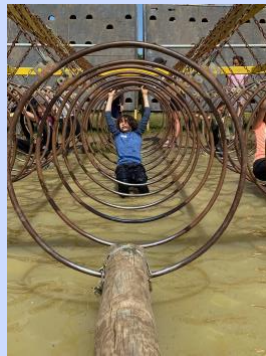
Year 6 had a great time last week on their end of year trip to the Wild Forest Activity Centre. The children had a very exciting day of obstacles, mud and fun! Here are some quotes and photos:

*"Our Wild Forest adventure was a fun, jam-packed series of muddy activities! From pools of mud to a nail-biting death slide, we did it all. I would love to do it again!"*

*"We had the best day out. I loved the death slide, doughnuts and hoops."*

*"The death slide was the just the best!"*

*"I loved getting muddy!"*



## Sports Days

Fortunately, the weather held last week and we were all able to enjoy some sporting fun in our bubbles. Well done to all the children who took part. It was lovely to see and hear everyone being so supportive of their class mates. Great team work!



“Sports day was lots of fun and my overall favourite activity was the relay race as it was tiring, but exciting!”

“We had lots of fun, I really enjoyed the egg and spoon race.”



## School Uniform

When we return in September, our new **Year 6 cohort (Atlantic, Java and Sargasso)** will have the opportunity to wear the Bowes black Year 6 uniform. Year 6 sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts can be purchased from the [school uniform shop](#).

Our full school uniform list for all children can be found [here](#). As a reminder, children should wear plain black shoes or plain black trainers to school. Brightly coloured trainers and astro boots are not permitted. Please can we also remind our families to label all uniform with your child’s name, so that lost items can be returned quickly.

## Parking

If driving your child to school, please ensure that you park considerately and safely in the local area. This will help make sure that we keep congestion to a minimum, maintain a good relationship with the school’s neighbours and help keep children safe around the school. Thank you for your support!

## Diary Dates 2021/22

22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul 2021	Willow Nursery last day
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul 2021	Year 6 Leavers’ Disco
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul 2021	School Ends 2pm & 2:10pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2021	<b>INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2021	<b>INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2021	<b>INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021	School Starts
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	Half Term
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021	<b>INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021	School Ends
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	School Starts

## Term Dates 2021/22

Please [click here](#) to view our updated 2021/22 Term Dates to reflect the extra bank holiday in 2022, courtesy of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

## Friends of Bowes News

Please continue reading 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.



### **A big thank you...**

...to everyone who had an estate agents board outside their house, and to everyone who bought raffle tickets. We managed to raise **£2,500** despite having to cancel our Summer Fair. Big congratulations to everyone who won one of our fabulous prizes!



### **New sports equipment**

Our new basketball hoops are looking great in the playground and the children are enjoying them already! Next we're purchasing some sturdy new football goals – riding on the wave of enthusiasm after England's brilliant performance in the Euro's.

### **KS2 Quiz**

Almost 100 children attended our KS2 quiz and (we think!) had a great time – we were very impressed with their general knowledge - particularly geography! It was great to get back to running events again and seeing the children enjoying themselves with their friends! Thank you to everyone who joined in and especially the teachers and parents who helped out – in particular our quiz master Debbie!



### **Looking ahead...**

In the new school year we're looking forward to officially welcoming all of the Southgate Green families into the PTA.

- Tuesday 14th Sept 7pm - PTA AGM – confirming all class reps and committee positions for the year
- Friday 8th Oct - Welcome evening for reception families (we'll try to invite Yr 1's who missed out last year if numbers allow)
- Sunday 5th Dec – Our annual Xmas fair

### **Come & join us!**

We would love to welcome new parents to the PTA committee. Under 'normal' circumstances, it's a fun & sociable way to meet other parents & to help support our fabulous school. We have a brilliant group of parents who generously give their time already, but many hands really do make light work! We would be thrilled to have more volunteers and more fund raising ideas. Please do get in touch if you are interested in finding out more.

**Thank you for your support this year. Have a wonderful summer - Friends of Bowes Committee**

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