

IMPORTANT UPDATES & REMINDERS

School Uniform

Please remember to label all school uniform with your child's name and class so that items can be returned quickly.

Welcome Back

We would like to welcome you all back to Bowes and hope that you had a lovely Summer Break. We have had a great start to the term with the children taking part in a range of exciting activities. We would like to welcome our new staff and families to Bowes and hope that you will be very happy at our school. We are all looking forward to another exciting year at Bowes.

Class Assemblies, Concerts and Showcases

Please find below the dates for our Autumn Term Class Assemblies and Concerts. All class assemblies will take place in the Lower Hall at 9:10am.

Autumn Term	Class
Friday 5 th October	Holly Class Assembly
Friday 12 th October	Year 5 Camping Assembly
Friday 19 th October	Oak Class Assembly
Friday 2 nd November	Year 6 School Journey Assembly
Friday 16 th November	Maple Class Assembly
Friday 7 th December	Reception Christmas Singing
Friday 14 th December	Year 2 Christmas Concert
December date TBC	Holly Class Steel Pans Performance

Year 1 Parents

The children in Year 1 have now become very familiar with the location of their classrooms. Please can all Year 1 children now walk up to their classrooms independently from the main entrance door in the mornings. There are staff on the playground doors every morning if you would like to leave a message for your child's class teacher.

Learning Quests

Please find below a list of all the class learning quests for this half term. Information about each quest is now available on the school website.

Willow Nursery	All About Me
Laurel Class	Me, You and Big School!
Magnolia Class	Me, You and Big School!
Ash Class	What a Wonderful World and Me
Beech Class	What a Wonderful World and Me
Rowan Class	The Enchanted Garden
Spruce Class	The Enchanted Garden
Oak Class	Oak looks into the Rainforest!
Maple Class	We're singing in the Rainforest!
Holly Class	The Awesome Egyptians!
Hazel Class	Dig into Egypt!
Elm Class	Camp Elm!
Chestnut Class	Camp Chestnut!
Cherry Class	Danger-stay back!
Cedar Class	'Sea-dar's' Coast
Mulberry Class	'Seas' the Day
Apple Class	What a Wonderful World and Me

School Journey Meeting

On **Thursday 27th September** at 3:30pm there will be a School Journey Meeting for Year 6 parents (Cherry, Cedar & Mulberry).



Staffing Update

Congratulations to Aiyasha who welcomed a baby boy during the summer break. Both are doing very well and we would like to wish them all the very best for the future.

Music Lessons

Instrumental lessons provided by EMS will start **week commencing Monday 17th September**. Rock Steady and Rita Machanovska started today.

Teachers will be in on the following days:

Teacher	Instrument	Day
Catherine Ricketts	Double Bass	Monday am
Vivian Li	Piano/Keyboard	Tuesday
Amanda Denley	Violin/Viola	Wednesday am
Paul Watson	Piano/Keyboard	Wednesday pm
Sean Turpin	Cello	Wednesday pm
Jeff Mindlin	Guitar	Thursday
Ashley Brammah	Piano	Friday am
Rita Machanovska	Piano/Keyboard	Friday
Rock Steady	Various	Friday

If you would like your child to learn an instrument in the Spring Term 2019 and you are a **new applicant** please ask at the school office for an EMS music form. Our school office will receive these in the next week or so. The closing date for applications is **Friday 9th November 2018**.

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals please enquire at the office about receiving subsidised group lessons.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On **Friday 28th September** we will be holding a coffee morning in the Lower Hall to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. There will be yummy cakes, a raffle and refreshments available, so please bring some money to make a donation for this very worthwhile cause. This event is a staff fundraising event and on this occasion will not involve the children. You are welcome to bring pre-school children along.



Head Lice

There have been cases of head lice identified at school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread too far. Please follow the simple **CHECK, TREAT, COMPLETE** routine to ensure you are doing your bit to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

Summer Term Attendance

Winners

The overall winners for the Summer Term were **Spruce Class** and **Chestnut Class**. They will be choosing a special trip this term as a reward. Well done everyone for your fantastic effort. Keep it up this year!

ATTENDANCE

W/C 3rd September 2018

KS1	Ash Class	97%
KS2	Oak Class	99%

Well done everybody!

Diary Dates 2018/19

5 th Oct	Holly Class Assembly
12 th Oct	Year 5 Camping Assembly
19 th Oct	Oak Class Assembly
22 nd – 26 th Oct	Half Term
2 nd Nov	Year 6 School Journey Assembly
16 th Nov	Maple Class Assembly
26 th Nov 2018	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
7 th Dec	Reception Christmas Singing
14 th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Concert
21 st Dec 2018	School Ends
7 th Jan 2019	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
8 th Jan 2019	School Starts
18 th – 22 nd Feb	Half Term
18 th Mar 2019	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
5 th Apr 2019	School Ends
23 rd Apr 2019	School Starts
6 th May 2019	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
27 th – 31 st May	Half Term
17 th Jun 2019	INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED
23 rd Jul 2019	School Ends

Please see next page for the latest Friends of Bowes News

Friends of Bowes News

We hope you all had a lovely summer break and a warm welcome to our new families.
We look forward to the year ahead for FOB.

'Phil' the Bag – Thank you to those who donated your pre-loved clothing and textiles last term for the 'Phil' the Bag recycling scheme. We collected 690kg of items raising **£241.50**. Thank you!

Bike for Bowes – Well done to all the Bowes parents who cycled 52 miles from London to Southend on Sunday 22nd July 2018. It was a tough, hot but amazing day. The grand total which was raised through everyone's sponsorship has come to a fantastic **£4,788**. This is an absolutely amazing amount and we cannot thank you enough for all your hard work. Special thanks to Eleni and Nicole and Fabian for being the driving force behind this amazing event.

Welcome Evening – Friday 12th October 6:30pm-8:30pm. An invitation letter will shortly be sent out to new nursery and reception parents inviting you all to meet other new parents, teachers and Friends of Bowes. This is a social occasion for your whole family – please bring any other children and yourselves and a dish of food to share. The children will be entertained by Mr Marvel and we will supply hot dogs for them. If you are new to the school, please put the date in your diary.

Next FOB Meeting – Wednesday 26th September 7:30pm-9:00pm in the staffroom. Please come along to discuss and plan forthcoming events for this term. Everyone is welcome.

FOB AGM – Thursday 1st November 7:30pm-9:00pm. Please come along to nominate the FOB committee for this school year and to review last year's fundraising activities and to find out about the donation we will be making to the school. This is the perfect opportunity to find out what FOB is all about and to come along and see how you can get involved. We also vote on existing and new committee members and a letter will be sent home shortly listing the vacant committee roles so please see if there is a role you think you could take on. Everyone is welcome.

Workplace Matched Giving – many companies run a workplace matched giving scheme, whereby the company will match any fundraising their employees have done for charity. Last year we received nearly £1,000 from 2 people's company matched giving schemes. Please have a check at work if they run a matched giving scheme, and if so, get in contact so we can find a way of doubling some of our fundraising income.

Cake Sale Dates 2018/19 – All cake sales are held at 3:15pm in the main playground. The money raised is given to the year/class teachers to subsidise a school trip or event. Please make a note of your year/class cake sale date:

9 th November – Year 2	30 th November – Year 1	18 th January – Year 3
1 st February – Nursery	1 st March – Reception	22 nd March – Apple Class
26 th April – Year 6	17 th May – Year 5	7 th June – Year 4

FOB Facebook – Please don't forget to like us/follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/FOBnewsouthgate. There's always lots going on!

Many thanks,

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