

IMPORTANT UPDATES & REMINDERS

Individual Photographs

Tuesday 12th November

Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 12th November

Children In Need

Friday 15th November, non-uniform day, £1 donation

Flu Nasal Vaccinations for Reception-Year 5

Monday 18th November

Bring A Grown Up To School

Friday 22nd November, 8.55am-10.10am

INSET – School Closed

Friday 29th November

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 15th 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!



Anti-Bullying Week

As part of our annual Anti-Bullying Week, we will be taking part in **Odd Socks Day** on **Tuesday 12th 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 morning on Wednesday 13th November for children in Years 2 – 5. 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.

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.

Ruby Class	All Aboard!
Diamond Class	Toy Story
Amber Class	Home and Away
Topaz Class	Home and Away
Amethyst Class	Erupting Volcanoes, Trembling Earthquakes!
Coral Class	Paradise Planet
Emerald Class	My Oh Mayans!

Parent Partnership Meetings

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

Bring A Grown Up To School

Our next 'Bring A Grown Up To School' morning will be on **Friday 22nd 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.

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

All Classes	8:55am - 10:10am
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Refreshments will be served in the Lunch Hall 10:10 - 10:45am.

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.

We look forward to another busy morning!

General Election - Bowes New Southgate School Closure

It has been confirmed that a General Election is to take place on **Thursday 12th December**. This means that **Bowes New Southgate will be closed** on this date, as we will be used as a local Polling Station. **Bowes Southgate Green will remain open.**

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 14th October 2019

Emerald Class 97%

W/C 28th October 2019

Emerald Class 98%

Well done everybody!

Diary Dates 2019/20

12 th Nov 2019	Individual Photographs
12 th Nov 2019	Odd Socks Day
15 th Nov 2019	Children In Need
18 th Nov 2019	Flu Nasal Vaccinations
22 nd Nov 2019	Bring A Grown Up To School
29th Nov 2019	INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED
4 th Dec 2019	Ruby Christmas Singing 9:15am
11 th Dec 2019	Christmas Lunch
13 th Dec 2019	Year 2 Christmas Concert 10.05am
18 th Dec 2019	Rocksteady Concert at 9.30am
19 th Dec 2019	School Ends at 2.00pm
6 th Jan 2020	School Starts at 8.55am
17th - 21st Feb	Half Term (SCHOOL CLOSED)
3 rd Apr 2020	School Ends at 2.00pm
20 th Apr 2020	School Starts at 8.55am
8th May 2020	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
25th - 29th May	Half Term (SCHOOL CLOSED)
19th Jun 2020	INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED
17 th Jul 2020	School Ends at 2.00pm
20th Jul 2020	INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED
21st Jul 2020	INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED

Please see next page for the latest Friends of Bowes News



Dear Parents, Families and Carers,

Last week's Spooky-oke Karaoke was a lot of fun, with glitter and sparkles, dancing and treats. A big well done to all of the children who came along and sang their hearts out and thank you to all the family members who came to cheer them on! We raised just under £200, which we'll be putting towards our iPad fund (our goal is to try and raise £3000 to buy 30 more iPads for the children to be able to use in class). I was also very impressed by all the lovely artwork that was submitted as part of our Christmas Card project. It's all been sent off and we're expecting the finished products to arrive towards the end of November. From this initiative we've raised just over £140, which is great.

Next up is a big one – the **Winter Fair on 6th December**. I'll be sending home a letter outlining all the different ways that you can help us create a magical afternoon for the children so please be sure to read it. We'll be very grateful for any support that you can offer us.

In more general news I'm very happy to present your Friends of Bowes committee for 2019-2020:

Chair: Sara Morgan (mum to Bella in Coral Class and Orla in Amber Class)

Co-Vice-Chairs: Sam Kracmar (mum to Felix in Amethyst Class and Josie in Diamond Class) and Kate Parkinson (mum to Isla in Amber Class and Niamh in Ruby Class).

Treasurer: Agi Gizzi (mum to Alice in Coral Class)

Secretary: Bobbie Constantinou (mum to Stefani in Amethyst Class and Emily in Amber Class)

Social Media Manager: Rose Gulfidan Dervish (mum to Nervaya in Ruby Class)

Emerald Class Reps: Jo (mum to Andreas and Christopher) and Tracy (mum to Rocco)

Coral Class Rep: Judette (mum to Saoirse)

Amethyst Class Rep: Lisa (mum to Zara)

Amber Class Reps: Kate and Dan (mum and dad to Isla)

Topaz Class Reps: Arucha (mum to Obi) and Eduardo (dad to Issac)

Diamond Class Rep: Sam (mum to Josie)

Ruby Class Rep: Rose (mum to Nervaya)

Non-role holding committee members include Carlos – Emerald Class; Ruth, Elina, Lucy – Coral Class; Graeme – Amethyst Class; Sarah – Coral and Topaz Class and Maria – Amethyst and Ruby Class). Please feel free to approach any of us at drop off / pick-up if you have any questions about the Friends of Bowes and what we do or how you can get involved.

Event dates for your diary:

GENERAL	
Winter Fair	Friday 7 th December, 3pm – 5pm
Musical Bingo (adults only)	Friday 28 th February, 7.30pm – 10.30pm
Easter Treasure Hunt	Friday 3 rd April, 2pm onwards (school breaks early)
CLASS BAKE SALES	
Amber Class	Friday 6 th March, 3pm
Emerald Class	Friday 20 th March, 3pm
Topaz Class	Friday 24 th April, 3pm
Ruby Class	Thursday 7 th May, 3pm

Thanking you as always.

Sara Morgan

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