



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Families,

### Anti-Bullying Week



Can you make a noise about bullying? Here's the video we all watched in assembly on Monday: <https://youtu.be/VkU2xYJKQq4>. Look over it with your child – it's something we need to remember. Speaking to an adult we trust when something is happening is so important. If we see something that feels unkind or we are the victim of someone being unkind – talk about it – share this information so we can support those who are making the wrong choices, and those who have been affected by unkindness. Bullying happens – we must make a noise to make sure we make changes to stop it.

Thank you for wearing odd socks on Monday – a great reminder that being different is ok!

### Attendance – for week ending 10<sup>th</sup> November

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94.2%	88.8%	95.3%	91.3%	95.5%	94%	96.7%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
95.2%	94.7%	95.4%	99.1%	94.8%	100%	83.2%

Well done to 6Malala with 100% attendance last week – children in 6M may come to school on Monday in non-uniform! *We regularly monitor attendance across the school and are disappointed to note that our whole school attendance is below the current national average.* We all need to do our bit to ensure that each of our children get to school every day (unless very unwell) – this helps to teach children resilience and perseverance. The attendance of each and every single child DOES make a difference to our whole school attendance, so let's work together to get our children to school. If you would like to speak to someone about support in getting your child to school, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Firby, our Attendance Champion. 😊

### Children In Need



Thank you for dressing up and joining in with the Children In Need spirit. Your donations will be added to the funds raised by many of us across the country. Please be sure to watch **Blue Peter** at 5pm today on CBBC. We hope to see our children in a special section of the show. A past pupil is being celebrated for their fundraising efforts – I'm still not allowed to spoil the moment so watch Blue Peter at 5pm tonight, and the Children in Need show at 7pm on BBC1, to see all the excitement! We're so grateful we were part of the fun.

### Classroom Decoration Time

We are inviting children to bring in some gently used decorations in the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November, so they can help their teachers decorate the classroom ready for the festive season! The children will be able to make some decorations on this day as well to help make their classroom sparkle and shine! When you're looking through your own decorations, please keep hold of any items you'd like to donate to the classroom. Please don't buy anything new – recycling is best.



## Fundraising for Borehamwood Foodbank

For five years, one of our current Year 2 families has held an annual fundraiser for Borehamwood Foodbank whereby they rear turkeys and raffle them for Christmas. So far, in the 5 years, they have raised over £4,000 and they are doing it again this year. The Trussel Trust, which is the umbrella for all of the Foodbanks, has issued a statement recently saying they have launched their first-ever urgent appeal due to such an increase in demand for families using the Foodbank services.

In order to enter the raffle, please visit the crowdfunding website and donate £5 per raffle entry. Even if you don't wish to receive the turkey, you can still donate! Please see the link below for more information:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/borehamwood-foodbank-turkey-prize-draw-2023>

## Year 3 – shoe box donations

Year 3 would be delighted to receive donations of empty shoe boxes to use to create nativity scenes – please send them directly into class with your Y3 child; if your child is not in Y3 but you have a spare empty shoe box to donate, please bring it to the school office. Thank you in advance!

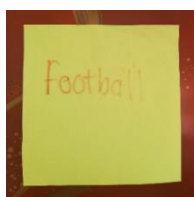
## Parking outside School

We are still receiving reports of inconsiderate or unsafe parking – this includes parking on the pedestrian pavement on Furzehill Road opposite the main school gates. Families have reported feeling really worried when walking along the pavement and seeing a car mounting the pavement and driving towards them!

On Wednesday, we were sent photos of these cars parked on this pavement area, and we ask that ALL parents leave themselves enough time to get to school early enough to park safely and not endanger other families and children – there is free parking in most of the side roads around the school:



## World Mental Health Day



For World Mental Health Day, we asked children, parents and staff to tell us what sparks joy for you, and this is this week's note – "football".

Kind regards,

Sarah Kneller  
**Headteacher**

**Interesting fact:** 15 November 1969 - the first colour TV advert was shown in the UK. It was to promote peas!

## Dates to Remember

Tuesday 28th November	<b>ELSA Diabetes trial taking place in school</b>
Thursday 30th November	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> round Flu Vaccinations in school</b>
Thursday 30th November	<b>SnowBall Disco – more info to follow from PTA</b>
Friday 1st December	<b>OCCASIONAL DAY – no children in school</b>
Tuesday 5th December	<b>9.30am-12pm: Yr6 going to cinema</b>
Wednesday 6th December	<b>9-10am: Parent Coffee Morning in school – all parents/carers welcome</b>
Thursday 7th December	<b>Times Tables Rock Star Day – children may dress like a Rock Star!</b>
Saturday 9th December	<b>CHRISTMAS FAIR – more info to follow</b>
Monday 11th December	<b>9.15-9.45am: KS1 Christmas production - more info to follow</b>
Tuesday 12th December	<b>9.10-9.30am: Nursery's Christmas Sing-along – more info to follow</b>
Tuesday 12th December	<b>2.30-3pm: KS1 Christmas production – more info to follow</b>
Wednesday 13th December	<b>9am: Reception's Christmas Sing-along – more info to follow</b>
Wednesday 13th December	<b>Rec &amp; KS1: Christmas Lunch</b>
Wednesday 13th December	<b>5-6pm: Yrs 4, 5 &amp; 6 going to All Saints Choir Concert</b>
Thursday 14th December	<b>KS2: Christmas Lunch</b>
Monday 18th December	<b>Last day of term - for Nursery Children only</b>
Tuesday 19th December	<b>Last day of term – school finishes at 1.30pm</b>
Wednesday 20th December	<b>INSET Day – no children in school</b>
Thursday 4th January 2024	<b>Start of Spring Term 1</b>
Friday 16th February	<b>School finishes at normal times for Half Term</b>
Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 26th February	<b>Start of Spring Term 2</b>
Tuesday 26th March	<b>Last day of term - for Nursery Children only</b>
Wednesday 27th March	<b>Last day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm</b>
Thursday 28th March	<b>INSET DAY – no children in school</b>
Monday 15th April	<b>Start of Summer Term 1</b>
Monday 6th May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Thursday 23rd May	<b>School finishes at normal times for Half Term</b>
Friday 24th May	<b>INSET Day – no children in school</b>
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 3rd June	<b>Start of Summer Term 2</b>
Friday 5th July	<b>#WOODFEST 2024</b>
Monday 22nd July	<b>Last day of term - for Nursery Children only</b>
Tuesday 23rd July	<b>Last day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm</b>

Are you trying to manage some  
angry behaviour?



## UNDERSTANDING ANGER

20th November 2023 6:30-8:30pm

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE  
giving a two hour talk to parents (and teachers), explaining  
what anger is, why we have it and how to manage it.

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