

# BOWSLAND GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 'Building the Foundations for Lifelong Learning'

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Autumn is truly here with the colder mornings and the leaves changing colour rapidly. A good time to remind you that children at Bowsland go out in all weathers and need to be dressed appropriately. Please remind your child to bring a coat or jacket and also suitable footwear. In the colder weather, hats and gloves are essential.

#### Wellie Boots!

The field and grass areas are now muddy, and only children wearing Wellington boots, and who have a change of shoes, will be allowed on it. Please put your child's name in each boot with permanent marker and a bulldog clip or peg to keep them together would be useful

#### PE

Currently, the hall is not available for PE as the builders are using it for access. Therefore all PE lessons are taking place outside and children need to bring their warmer PE kit ie joggers and sweatshirt. The school uniform reversible fleece is also ideal.

#### Earrings

Children are allowed to wear earrings but these should be small and discreet. Gold or silver small studs or keeper rings are the only acceptable styles.

Don't Forget - this Monday (12/10) is an INSET day. School will be closed for staff training.

#### Writing Development

Writing is our major area of development this year. Staff training on Monday will introduce some new writing strategies that we will be implementing across the school. Please help us by encouraging your children to write as much as possible- shopping lists, thank you notes, diaries etc Writing on the computer is also good practice.

#### Dates for your diary:

October

12<sup>th</sup>: INSET day- school closed

19<sup>th</sup> Assessment Week

23<sup>rd</sup> Harvest Festival and end of term 1

November

2<sup>nd</sup>- back to school for term 2

4<sup>th</sup> Reception Curriculum Meeting at 6.00pm

6<sup>th</sup> Hall Grand Opening (fingers crossed)

18th/19th Parent Evenings

21<sup>st</sup> Winter Fayre

December

18<sup>th</sup> Last day of term 2

January

4<sup>th</sup>- INSET day- school closed

5<sup>th</sup> - back to school for term 3

February

8<sup>th</sup> Assessment week

12<sup>th</sup> Last day of term 3

#### Harvest Festival - 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Due to limited hall space, our Harvest Festival service this year will be for children only. Sorry parents!! The theme is 'water' and we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for the Water Aid charity. Children and staff who would like to wear non-uniform, may donate £1 to the charity and wear water colours- blue, green and purple. We hope to create a 'wave' of colour!

#### Healthy Lifestyles: National Child Measurement Programme

Every year, throughout England, children in Reception and Year 6 are being weighed and measured in schools, as part of work to improve children's health and well-being. The Government wants to know how healthy children are so they can decide what more they need to do to help children live healthier lives.

The information collected will be written down privately by the School Health Assistant and will be kept confidential. Yr 6 parents have already received information about this programme and Reception parents will do so later in the year.

