

BOWSLAND GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Building the Foundations for Lifelong Learning'

Newsletter 15th January 2010

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to our first newsletter of 2010. It is great to be back. Thank you for all the Christmas cards and gifts that were given to staff. We all very much appreciate it.

Snow Update

It looks like the prolonged cold spell is now over and the snow is melting fast here in the playground. Thank you for your patience over the closures, particularly the one last Wednesday. When it is left to me to make the decision, rather than a blanket decision from the council, I have to consider whether the site and access to school is safe and whether enough staff can get to school. The latter can take a while as staff try to get cars off their drives and out of the side streets where they live and then let me know.

I am aware that notification to parents was not as timely as we would have liked, particularly this week. Unfortunately the South Glos website could not cope with the amount of usage and the radio stations were not as quick in reporting the closures. We did use our own website on both Wednesday and Thursday for closure news, and will do this as a matter of course in future. We are also investigating buying into a text service.

Building Update

The building work is virtually complete and 'snagging' is now going on in school and the Sure Start Centre. This part of the process seems to take a long time but we are gradually getting cupboards sorted, resources back in place and display boards replaced. Hopefully the school will look it's usual bright, colourful self by term 4.

Staffing News

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Gio-Batta, who will be taking on the role of Assistant Headteacher and covering Mrs Wilson's maternity leave, when she goes, until the end of the year. Also welcome to a new teaching assistant, Mrs Gough, who will be supporting a child in Lower Key Stage 2.

Dates for your diary

2009/10 Academic year

Friday 12th February term 3 ends

Monday 22nd February term 4 begins

Term Time Holidays

Holidays in term time are strongly discouraged as Bowsland Green would like all children to make the best progress possible.

Please remember we do not authorise holidays in terms 1 and 5 and during February assessment week, which this year is February 8th -12th. The school is able to authorise 10 days holiday during term time in **exceptional** circumstances. Bowsland Green governor's policy is that authorisation will only be given if attendance in the previous year was 93% or above.

Friday Assembly

There is an open invitation for parents and friends to attend recommendation assembly on Fridays. The assembly starts at 10.00am and lasts for about 30minutes. It rewards children for good work, behaviour and attendance. There is usually an entertainment by some children too. Please join us if you can.

4 o'clock Club

Don't forget we are currently offering an extended day. Children can stay in school until 4.00pm supervised by one of my Teaching Assistants, usually Mrs Nicholson. There will be a charge of £1 per day for this service. Children may bring a snack and will be able to read, draw, play games, do homework etc-.

If you would like to use this service on a regular basis, please contact the office who will register your requirements. If you would like to use the extended day on an occasional or emergency basis please let the office know before 3.00pm if possible.

Happy New Year

to the whole school community



**RECOMMENDED IN ASSEMBLY
GOLDEN LEAVES**



- Ross Nelson
- Hollie Cunningham
- Kieran Curry
- Carolyn Bird
- George Pearce
- Imogen Pickford
- Emily Nelson
- Joe Swales
- Ellie Swales
- Joshua Harding
- Jay Spurrier
- Holly Curry
- Keye McLean
- Finlay Thompson
- Isaac Roberts
- Hollie Bleaken



**Door Monitors' Award for
best class in and out of hall**

15/01/10 Mrs Ashitey's class

GOING FOR GOLD

There are no Going for Gold awards this week

ATTENDANCE

| W/E | 18/12/09 | 08/01/10 |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Oak 1 - Th | 90% | 79.4% |
| Oak 2 - | 88.8% | 87.5% |
| Chestnut - A | 97.9% | 92.9% |
| Holly - P | 94.1% | 96.4% |
| Birch - Wi | 99.3% | 98.2% |
| Willow - Gi | 95.6% | 86.5% |
| Fir - C | 97.4% | 88.9% |
| Ash - W | 92.6% | 88.7% |
| Sycamore - Sp | 96.3% | 96.9% |
| Overall | 95.1% | 91.4% |

Well done Mrs Williamson's class

Stars of the Week



- Ben Callaghan
- Daniel Wright
- Enis Akgun
- Sarah Alobaid
- Samuel Sneddon
- Katy Miller
- Katie Dibble
- Jamie McLean

HOUSE POINTS

Winners for week 15/01/10
Unicorn



| W/E | 15/01/10 |
|-------------|----------|
| Dragon | 243 |
| Griffin | 260 |
| Hippocampus | 256 |
| Phoenix | 209 |
| Unicorn | 262 |



**Best Class Voted by Our
Lunch Break Supervisors is:**

| W/E | Class |
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| 15/01/10 | Reception |

**'TOP TABLE'
Award for Good Manners at
Lunch Time**

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| 15/01/10 | Ellie Swales Thomas Mittens Abigail Butters Oliver Summerell |
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BIRTHDAYS

- Lily Avery
- Lara Carnell
- Carolyn Bird
- Natasha Bird
- Kurtis Jones
- Chloe Blunden
- Mohammed Farouk
- Logan Sheppard
- Jennifer Douglas



Happy Birthday