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Dear Families,

New Chair of Governors

I'm very pleased to introduce myself as your new Chair of Governors. I've only been with the school for a brief period of time but everyone I've met has offered a warm welcome and plenty of support, as I become more and more familiar with the life and work of Bounds Green. I'm an ex-resident of Bounds Green (Maidstone Road), but I've lived in Muswell Hill and East Finchley for 20 years or so now. In my Governor career I've worked at, and been Chair of, primary and secondary schools locally, following my three children as they've grown. Since joining Bounds Green, I've spent as much time as I can with Governors and staff getting myself up to speed. It's also been a pleasure to meet many of the children, who've not been slow to welcome me and tell me about their school!



The school's clearly thriving and in a great place. It's mine and all the governors' jobs to keep it that way, working with Will and the leadership team in order to do so. Under my chairmanship you'll hear from Governors often as we let you know how we're doing and seek your opinions along the way. In the meantime you'll find an email address for me on the school website should you wish to contact me directly. On behalf of all the Governors I look forward to meeting you, and working with you as we all seek to make Bounds Green the best it can be, for all the children of the school.

Mark Chapman, Chair of Governors

Christmas Dinner and Paper Hat Day – Friday 13th December

Friday 13th December is our Christmas Dinner Day. If your child usually brings in a packed lunch from home but would like a Christmas dinner, please use the school gateway facility to make payment, meals cost £2.38 each. If you already have school dinners, whether paid or Free School Meals, you do not need to do this.

As usual we would like the children to make **newspaper** hats at home. They may use **sellotape** or **glue** to put the hat together but no other materials should be used. The idea is for the children to wear their hats during the Christmas lunch. Over the years we have seen some amazing creations. We look forward to judging this year's best milliners!



School Applications – Reception and Year 3 (Junior School) 2020



For all parents/carers with children going into Reception or Year 3 in September 2020, if you haven't already, please make sure you complete and submit your application as soon as possible. For parents/carers with children going into Reception or Year 3 (Junior School) in September 2020 you will need to submit your application by the 15th January 2020.

Reception September 2020 –

All current Nursery children will need to apply for Reception next year, regardless of whether you have any siblings or are already attending the Nursery at Bounds Green. It is very important that this is submitted by the 15th January 2020 as any applications after this date will be counted as late applications and might hinder your chances at getting a place at Bounds Green School.

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Year 3 (Junior School) September 2020 –

All current Year 2 children will need to apply to go into Year 3 as it will mean that they are leaving the Infant School and are joining the Junior School. All children are guaranteed a place in Year 3 as long as they complete and submit the application by the 15th January. This is essentially a formality, but it is important that it is done by the deadline.

All applications will need to be done through the government website. This website can be found through your local borough's website, or by following this link: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

Cycling on the Road

A reminder that adults and children who cycle to school are to cycle on the roads and not on the pavements. It can be very dangerous to cycle on the pavement especially around the school as there are many children around who could get easily knocked over. It is actually illegal to cycle on the pavements in the UK, but if they are under the age of 10 they can ride on the pavement with proper adult supervision (who are not themselves on a bike).



Steve McQueen – Year 3 Project at the Tate.

On Tuesday 3rd December Danni went to the teachers private view of the exhibition at the Tate Britain. Artist Steve McQueen was there to thank everyone who took part in his project and to thank teachers across London for doing such a great job. It was a lovely evening.

Our photos are in section 9 – look for the numbers on the bottom of the walls, they are a bit hidden. Section 9 is on the left hand side of the gallery.

Unfortunately, our photos are very high up and cannot be seen clearly – look 3 across and we are 3 and 4 down from the top. It was hinted that the gallery has a fun solution to this problem for when the classes visit.

Once the exhibition finishes in May, the photos will be gifted to the school, so we will display them and you can get a closer look.

The exhibition; which is free to enter and on until 3rd May 2020, is worth a visit so you can have a look at some of the other year 3 classes from across London. It's amazing how similar and recognisable they all seem despite being so different!



Weekly Punctuality and Attendance

Week Beginning 25 th November 2019		
Attendance Winners <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Hyde Park, Green Park, Earls Court	99.3%
Punctuality Winners <i>Number of late marks</i>	Russell Square, Kew Gardens	100%

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Week Beginning 2 nd December 2019		
Attendance Winners <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Covent Garden	99%
Punctuality Winners <i>Number of late marks</i>	Paddington	100%

PTA News

Christmas Bazaar – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone involved, we rely absolutely on the brilliant support from the school community to make PTA fundraising events a success on every level. A huge thank you to: the fantastic parent, carer and staff volunteers who set up, ran activities, and cleared away; the amazing Alan Wright, site manager; Helen Chrysafi-Bartrip for her rock solid support; Rose the chef for her beautiful soup, and the school office team for all their help. And to everyone who donated items for all the different stalls and rooms, and all the fantastic people we welcomed through the door on the day.

Also, huge thanks to: our sponsor *nuspace*; all the local and national businesses for the super silent auction items; the PTA committee - Helen, Catherine, Jojo, Nike, Carrie, Alexia, Alix, Kate, Dean, Lynsey, Lucy, Lee, Leigh, Christian, Melissa and Sam, and Ziggy for the beautiful design work. We are all parents, carers and staff, who volunteer our time, energy and skills to plan and run fundraising events and sales. The funds raised help to subsidise or buy outright a wide range of resources, materials, trips out and on-site workshops, chosen by staff to enrich and support our children's learning, and enhance the school environment.

We are delighted to announce that the event raised **£6,500!** Thank you again for your support, and please put our **Quiz Night, Friday 6 March 7.30pm** in your diary. If you haven't experienced Quiz Night before, it's a fantastic, unmissable evening – look forward to seeing you there!

Dates for your Diary

Below are important dates of which you should be aware. Wherever there is a new addition, it will be printed in **bold** so that it stands out. In the case of Educational Visits, we aim to give as much notice as possible, however, please be mindful that occasionally last minute, educationally enriching opportunities arise which are considered too good an opportunity to pass up. Please look at this section of the newsletter every week as there are sometimes unavoidable changes to dates that you will need to take note of.



<u>December</u>	<u>April</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09.12.19 – Trumpet & Clarinet concert, 2:45pm • 10.12.19 – Earls Court Science Workshop • 10.12.19 – Yr 2 Maths Workshop, 3pm OR 6pm • 11.12.19 – Yr 5 & 6 Singing assembly, 9am, PARENTS WELCOME • 12.12.19 – <u>SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSED – POLLING DAY</u> • 13.12.19 – Christmas dinner and paper hat day! • 16.12.19 – Panto in for the week • 16.12.19-20.12.19 – Pendarren (Gilwern) trip for Yr 6 • 16.12.19 – EYFS & Yr1 (Nur, Rec, Yr1), Xmas Performance, 1:45pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 02.04.20 – Easter Eggstravaganza, 3:30pm • 03.04.20 – Silent Disco Day (during the school day) • 03.04.20 – Last day of Spring term • 20.04.20 – First day of the Summer term

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17.12.19 – EYFS & Yr1 (Rec, Yr1), Xmas Performance, 9:30am • 18.12.19 – EYFS & Yr1 (Nur, Rec, Yr1), Xmas Performance, 9:30am • 18.12.19 – Year 2 Xmas Performance, 1:45pm • 19.12.19 – Year 2 Xmas Performance, 9:30am <p>20.12.19 – Last day of school</p>	
<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06.01.20 – INSET day, school closed • 07.01.20 – First day of Spring term • 13.01.20 – Eco Schools Assembly (no parents) 	<p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08.05.20 – BANK HOLIDAY, school closed • 22.05.20 - 28.02.20 – Cake Sale (Yr 1 and Yr 5) • 25.05.20 - 29.05.20 – Half term holiday
<p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17.02.20 - 21.02.20 – Half term holiday • 28.02.20 – Cake Sale (Nursery and Yr 3) 	<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 01.06.20 – INSET DAY, school closed • 26.06.20 - 28.02.20 – Ice Pop Sale
<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06.03.20 – Quiz Night, 7:30pm • 27.03.20 - 28.02.20 – Cake Sale (Reception and Yr 6) 	<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04.07.20 – Summer Fair, 12-3pm • 17.07.20 – Last day of summer term

