

# Bonneygrove Primary School Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> January 2020



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## Message from Mrs Gable

Welcome back to school for the spring term. I know from speaking to the children that they enjoyed their break and time with families. They have certainly returned to school eager to learn. This is the second term of our new Horizons Curriculum adding creativity and experiences to our children's learning as you can see below. Following the success of our autumn Golden Threads of outdoor learning and philosophy for children, we are looking forward to **A Moment of Calm** as we explore the benefits of mindfulness to our mental wellbeing. It is not just the children, our staff too are taking time to connect with each other, reflect, pause in their busy days and even learn a new skill as Mr Bond is teaching us ballroom dancing! Strictly Bonneygrove is a sight to behold.

## Safety First!

You may have noticed on our first day back the woods were out of action because of a fallen tree. Thanks to the care and hard work of Mrs Jack, the area was secured, the tree safely removed and our children were again allowed into the woods. Storm Brendan has whipped over Cheshunt and our team remain vigilant over falling and flying leaves and branches!



Coming Soon - 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020



Number Day NSPCC

## ART WASHES AWAY FROM THE SOUL, THE DUST OF EVERYDAY LIFE.

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One of the strengths of our new Horizons Curriculum is the broad range of topics to which our children now have access. The Art Curriculum is teaching our children about great Artists whilst allowing them to build their skills through creating their own pictures and sculptures.

In Year 1 they are learning about Andy Warhol as part of their topic on portraits, and then creating their own pop art.

In Year 4 as part of the topic Western Artists the children were discussing the art of Michelangelo and in particular his painting of the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Imagine! Painting upside down. Of course, they all had to have a go!



# BETTER LUNCHTIMES FOR ALL

January saw the launch of our plan to improve lunchtimes for our children. They told us that they wanted more to do, and better places to do it. They wanted the Midday Supervisors to play games with them and for everyone to have more fun!

With that in mind, we have bought new play equipment, spent time with Mr Nicholes creating play zones in each playground and organising our staff to make sure there is time and space to enjoy the games.

A huge thank you to our lunchtime staff, out in all weathers, making the break in the day's learning fun!

## UPGRADE FOR RECEPTION

More investment in our children's learning this term as, in February, we are expecting the builders in to put up an outdoor shelter in the Reception playground. This will mean that learning can go on indoors and out in all weathers! Our teachers are very excited. The Early Years Curriculum is designed to be experienced in all environments to enable all types of learners to achieve their very best!

### Dates for Diary

Dates	Event
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Last day of term (2pm Finish)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Children return to school (Normal Start Time)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Year 6 The Lancaster Model
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Yr 4 Heron Class Assembly - 2.45pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Whole School NSPCC Number Day - non uniform - £1 donation
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Yr 5 Merlin Class Assembly - 2.45pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Last day of half term (normal finish time)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Children return to school (normal start time)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Yr 3 Woodpecker Class Assembly - <b>9.05am AMENDED TIME</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Inset Day - Parent Consultations - All day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Yr 3 Robin Class Assembly - 2.45pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	Last day of term (2pm finish)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Children return to school (Normal Start Time)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	Reception Height & Weight-School Nurses (March-August Birthday)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020	Last day of half term (normal finish time)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	Children return to school (Normal Start Time)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Last day of term (2pm finish)