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Dear Parents and Guardians

### **Year 3**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March Year 3 visited Dudley Zoo to find out whether the egg that had previously been delivered to school was indeed a penguin egg. There were 73 humboldt penguins for the children to see, however they soon discovered that these eggs were smaller than the one Year 3 had received. The puzzle about the egg in school continued. Dorrie (Dudley Zoo's Education Officer), gave the children a very informative talk about animals that live in the Arctic regions and how animals adapt to cope with the climate. She then suggested that the pupils should contact the RSPB to help them with their quest so hopefully there will be some answers soon.

### **Year 4 Beyond the Great Wall**

On Tuesday afternoon parents and guests were invited to share in the children's learning journey in a special assembly. They were able to share the huge amount of knowledge that the children have acquired during this exciting topic as well as their work in the classroom. It was a wonderful afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The staff and children had worked hard to put this special afternoon together and it was a great opportunity for parents to share in their child's learning.

### **Forest School**

Forest School was full of enthusiastic parents and siblings who came to find out what their children had been doing this term during Activities. Everyone participated in cooking over the fire, den building and even some whittling. Thank you to everyone who came and Mrs Dakin hopes you enjoyed it as much as your children did.

### **Red Nose Day**

On Friday afternoon all pupils from Years 3 and 4 took part in a sing-along to raise money for Red Nose Day. Maple Hall was packed with parents and supporters as the pupils sang their three silly songs – 'Crash, Beep, Beep', 'Video Killed the Radio Star' and the official Red Nose Day song. The pupils, adorned with red noses and wonderful glasses, sang magnificently and raised the roof. Their collection at the end raised a wonderful £224. Well done to all of our enthusiastic performers and a heartfelt thank you to all of you who came to support and donate.

### **Jazz Group**

On Saturday, the Jazz Group attended the Worcester Competitive Arts Festival. The group gave an outstanding performance and came away with a Distinction, the trophy and some wonderful remarks from an experienced adjudicator. Theo Bell, Thomas Chapman and Joshua Lawson also played fantastically in the Jazz Solo category, with Theo winning the overall winner's trophy. Jude Wynter also had a great day at the festival, winning the under 12's Brass Solo section. Congratulations to all the musicians involved.

### **Chapel Choir**

This Saturday, our Chapel Choir will be attending the second week of the Worcester Competitive Arts Festival, entering the under 13's Choir class. If your child is attending, they need to wear

their school uniform and look as smart as possible. The children should meet in the Music School between 9.30-9.45am. Children can be picked up at 12.00pm from the Senior School.

### **Staff News**

Year 3 sadly say goodbye to Mrs Ford next week as Mrs Bultler returns to school following her maternity leave. Mrs Ford will be sadly missed by us all.

We welcome our new Head of English, Mrs Le Guyader to Bromsgrove after Easter. She is looking forward forward to joining us.

### **Charities Week**

Next week is our annual Preparatory School Charities Week. This year we will be supporting the Primrose Hospice and the Brain Tumour Charity, both were voted for by the pupils.

There will be a range of activities taking place throughout the week, from bacon butties and bake sales at break times, to welly-wanging and sponsored events. The children will be reminded about the days they may wish to bring in some of their pocket money.

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, there will be a non-uniform day. There is a recommended voluntary donation of £1 from each pupil to take part in this. The usual rules regarding hair, make-up and jewellery will still apply. Dress should be smart-casual. We hope that the week will be very enjoyable for the children and successful in terms of fundraising. We thank you for supporting and encouraging the pupils in supporting these very worthwhile charities.

### **Easter Service**

I warmly invite parents to our Easter service in the Memorial Chapel on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30am.

### **Easter Eggs**

Over the last few years we have noticed a huge increase in the number of children bringing Easter Eggs in to school for their friends. Please may I ask that exchanges of such gifts take place outside school whenever possible as it has become virtually impossible to make decisions about which eggs belong to whom when they are almost all the same. The pupils will all be told in assembly that if any Easter Eggs are brought in to school then they must be handed to their tutor during morning registration, clearly named, for safe keeping. They can then be collected during the afternoon registration period and taken home. Your support in this is appreciated.

### **Ski trip**

The 2015 Ski Trip to Davos departs next Friday morning.

### **School Shop**

New opening and closing times- with effect from the start of this Easter Holiday.

#### Term Time

Monday- Friday 08.30am-6.00pm (closed 12.00-12.30pm)

Saturday 09.00am-5.30pm (closed 1.00-1.30pm)

#### School Holidays

Monday-Friday 09.00am- 4.00pm (closed 12.30-1.00pm)- For Easter and Summer holidays only, all other holidays we will open at 10.00am-4.00pm.

Please note we are closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

### **Uniform**

All pupils should return to school after Easter in their Summer uniform. Boys in Years 3 - 6 may wear grey school shorts if they wish.

### **Sports Kit**

Girls in Years 7 and 8 are now be able to wear the maroon skorts for sport if they wish.

### **Uniform Exchange**

The Uniform Exchange will be open this Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at the Prep School between 9.00-11.00am.

**Headmistress' Commendations** this week were awarded to: Heidi Fryer, Cameron Owen, Alexander Holroyd, Felix Burman (2), Joshua Graesser, Haydn Stanney, Ruvarashe Madzingo (2), Shona Mills, Ariana Jones, Eloisa Borriello, Teddy Venables, Nikhil Gour, Emily Gittoes, Beau Baines, Santino Sanghera, Luke Weller, Gemma Calthorpe, Tavleen Toor, Claudia Bullock, Katie Burke, Emily Edwards, Paulina Geus, Jemima Vaughan-Hawkins, Joshua Lawson, Callum Savage, Fatoumatta Jawneh, Ross Preston, Abigail Hughes, Luciana Meadows, Liberty Smith, Hsien-Teng Duan, Sadie Gardner, Aisha Anjum, Niamh Middleton, Catriona Ranger, Phoebe Fletcher, Cyrus Passman and Megan Wilson.

### **Fine Diners**

Congratulations to this week's Years 3 and 4 Fine Diners: Jack Barnett, Lucy Cattell, Lauren Baker, James Batterley, Lexi Wright, Oliver Gowan, Ava Harrison, Francesca Jeacock, Oliver Glaze, Oscar Bridgewater, Maddie Shorrocks, Sebastian Hall.

### **Credits**

The winners of this term's Credits own clothes day is Watt House and this will take place early in the summer term. Well done to everyone in Watt and better luck next time Boulton, Telford and Darby. For the record here is the final result:

1. Watt - 4,935 credits
2. Boulton - 4,681 credits
3. Telford - 4,642 credits
4. Darby - 4,549 credits

### **Sports Results**

#### Boys

Last Saturday the U13A's and U11A's participated in the annual Millfield Rugby 7's in Somerset. The U11 boys won the tournament, a first for Bromsgrove, and deserve many congratulations. The U13A's also did well and reached the Plate Final before going down 17-21 to Caldicott; excellent preparation for the boys ahead of next week's Rosslyn Park 7's tournament in London. On Sunday pupils from Years 5 to 8 ran at the National Preparatory Schools' Cross Country Championships at Malvern College. The U13 team finished in ninth position and the U11 boys in 24th position.

On Wednesday there were excellent hockey matches versus Dean Close and Abberley Hall; the last of the season.

#### Girls

The U13 and U12 netball teams played in the National IAPS Netball finals in Brighton last Saturday. Both teams fought hard throughout the day against some very tough opposition. This was a great experience for the U12s and they look forward to building on their game for the future.

The U13s won their first three games against Clifton College, South Lee and Cranleigh School 6 - 0, 10 - 7 and 10 - 5 respectively. We then lost against Eagle House, but then went on to play magnificently to beat Millfield 7 - 6. They finished the day strongly winning against Brighton College 9 - 2. Unfortunately the girls were two points short of qualifying for the semi-finals.

This was a fantastic day for Bromsgrove Prep school netball and well done to all our girls for playing so well.

On Friday, a slightly depleted, yet determined U13 hockey team played in the Midlands finals. Bromsgrove started well with a win against Oakham School, they drew against Kingsmead, they then won against Fernwood School. The girls finished second in their group on goal difference and played Kings High Warwick in the quarter finals but lost 2 - 0. Bromsgrove then played Trent

College in a play off match. The girls played some good hockey to secure a 1 - 0 victory and 5th place in the Midlands. Well done to all of these girls for this impressive placing in the Region.

### Cross Country

On Sunday, the U13 and U11 girls took part in the National Prep Schools Cross Country Championships at Malvern College. The U11 coped tremendously well with the hilly course. Official placings are yet to be published, but congratulations to the girls for a sterling effort on the day.

U13 girls put in an excellent set of performances. We were delighted to hear that the Bromsgrove team came second overall, claiming the silver medal and Runners up title for the second year running.

### Pupil News

Orla Walker competed for the West Midlands Army Cadet Force on the snow-capped hills of Warcop military training area in Cumbria in the national cross country championship; this is the highlight of the winter season and sees the best athletes from the organisations 48,000 cadets. Orla ran superbly on a tough and challenging moorland course that was 3.5K in distance. She is now British junior girls champion beating the number one Scotland runner by a handsome margin. Many congratulations to Orla.

### Parents' Association - Reminder

Please could all raffle ticket stubs and money be returned to School by Monday morning at the latest as the draw will take place in assembly for the wonderful prizes on show in Mrs Taylor's office.

We will be donating funds to Primrose Hospice and supporting their BIG Appeal. Primrose Hospice is a local charity which supports many patients and their families, including some in our school, with life limiting illnesses. Please help us in raising plenty of much needed money for this fantastic charity by buying tickets. Please send your money and ticket stubs into Mrs Taylor by Monday.

### Bromsgrove School Foundation Charity Preview Day at Hagley Park

Bromsgrove School Foundation and Hagley Hall offer an exclusive opportunity to view Hagley Park ahead of the official opening in 2016. This special charity preview day on Sunday 17th May 2015 will help to support disadvantaged children in gaining a first class education, with all proceeds and ticket sales directed to our Foundation. As guests walk through the Park, there will be music, performed by Bromsgrove School pupils, and a cricket match between Old Bromsgrovians and Lord Cobham's XI. For those interested in Georgian Landscape, Joe Hawkins, Hagley's Head of Landscape, will give a lecture in the Church on the Estate and he will be on hand to answer your questions throughout the day.

The event is open to everyone with a connection to Bromsgrove, and guests are most welcome. The Park opens at 12noon and tickets are £25 for a Family, Adults £10 each and Children\* (5 - 14) £3.50 each (\*children must be accompanied by an adult at all times). Tickets are available now and can be purchased online at [www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/tickets.aspx](http://www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/tickets.aspx)

### Lost Property

Tashin Moodley – School coat  
Liam Bennett – white sports shorts

**Assembly Theme:** 'Lent: Easter – out of darkness comes light'

**Pastoral Focus:** 'No lost property week!'

### **End of term arrangements**

**School will close for the Easter holidays next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 3.15pm .**

The last bus will run on the morning of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. If you use the bus, please make alternative arrangements for the end of school that day. Normal bus service resumes when school re-opens on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Pick up times are as follows:

Years 3 and 4	2.45 pm
Years 5 - 8	3.15 pm

**All pupils will need to have been collected by 3.15pm**

Yours sincerely  
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