

7 July 2017

Dear Parents

Another school year has flown by. As typical of Bowdon Prep, the fact that we never stand still makes time pass very quickly. It has been a pleasure and an honour to lead the school through another year and I am immensely proud of all we have achieved.

Time and time again you have shown utmost loyalty to the school and the values we stand for, for which I am extremely grateful. We know so many parents give up their time and energy for the school, supporting learning and events at Bowdon Prep. It is our families' sense of commitment to our school that drives us to persevere in our relentless pursuit of excellence for all our girls.

This academic year has been productive and I applaud the work and dedication of an outstanding team of professionals of whom I have the privilege of working with. The outstanding progress made by pupils, the high attainment levels they reach and the exceptional numbers of our pupils gaining entry to the most selective of schools, is testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff team, who persevere to ensure that learning opportunities are always of the highest standard. We also take a pride in the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities that our girls experience, which assist enormously in their growth and development.

We end the academic year with so many aspects of school life to celebrate, yet our happiness is tempered by our having to say goodbye to Mrs Lien. Mrs Lien has been an outstanding member of our Performing Arts department and a true asset to the school over a number of years. She has given so profoundly to Bowdon Prep and touched the lives of all in our school community. As a talented musician, she has been an inspiration to our girls and we are all going to miss her immensely but wish her every happiness in the future.

We are very proud of each and every girl at the school. We are proud of their efforts, progress, attitude to learning and their achievements. Just as we encourage our girls to set themselves goals for academic achievements, we also encourage them to set themselves goals to foster their further enjoyment of cultural and sporting activities and crucially, goals for personal wellbeing.

Our Year 6 girls are facing new beginnings; it is always with a heavy heart that we see them go but we do so with enormous pride, knowing that they are ready for life beyond Bowdon Prep. We hope their experiences have taught them that we all need challenges and adversity in life and that being happy all the time is not psychologically healthy. Being able to draw on their strength of character will give them a toolbox from which to cope appropriately with whatever comes their way. We know they are all aware of their strengths such as humour, fairness, passion, wisdom, courage and gratitude and have no doubt they will all thrive as they step out to face new horizons. Good luck girls – we will all miss you!

May I take this opportunity to wish you well throughout the holidays. I hope you all have a lovely summer and we will see you all (or most of you!) on Monday 4 September.

General

It seems that a number of items have been taken home in error by the wrong child eg PE kit, pencil cases, trainers etc. Please could you take the time to check round your homes to ensure you do not have anything which does not belong to your daughter. Many parents are now thinking about replenishing or replacing items and need to know what they do or do not have. On the same subject, I would like to give an early

reminder to ensure that all uniform and items of equipment are named/labelled when we return in September.

The girls are looking forward to performing their pieces for you next Tuesday and Thursday at the Performing Arts evenings. They start at 6pm and will finish at approximately 7.30pm. I am looking forward to it and hope to see you there.

The Year 6 girls will bow out on Friday and I, for one, am looking forward to their Leavers' Assembly. Parents are invited to join us in the Sports Hall following drop off and we are aiming for a 9.15am start.

As next week is the last week in school, there will be no after school activities or clubs. Please also note that **school closes at 12 noon on Friday and there will be no Activate session on Friday afternoon.**

We will endeavour to post the majority of next year's events on the website before we return to school in September. During the summer break, the office will be open during the morning of the following dates:

Monday 17 – Friday 21 July

Monday 21 – Friday 25 August

Tuesday 29 – Thursday 31 August

As well as the above, should you wish to contact school, my email address – headteacher@bowdonprep.org.uk – will be monitored regularly during the entire summer holiday period.

Menu

Daily: Vegetarian options, salad bar, fruit and yoghurts. All meat is supplied by Taylor's of Sale and all fruit and veg. supplied by Red House Farm, Dunham Massey

Monday	Sausage pasta Tomato pasta	Broccoli	Apple caramel slice
Tuesday	Chicken pie Quorn pie	Mini roast potatoes and gravy Green beans	Mango sorbet
Wednesday	Filled baguettes with ham/chicken/tuna/cheese	Sweetcorn and olives Salad	Lemon shortbread
Thursday	Cod fish fingers Vegetarian fingers	Potato wedges Baked beans and peas	Selection of desserts
Friday	** SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12 NOON **		

Week Commencing 4 September

Monday	Pasta carbonara Tomato pasta	Broccoli	Orange cookies
Tuesday	Jacket potatoes served with cheese/tuna/baked beans	Salad	Rice krispie cakes
Wednesday	Homemade wholemeal pizza (pepperoni or margarita)	Carrots Baked beans	Iced sponge cake
Thursday	Roast chicken Quorn fillets	Roast potatoes and gravy Cauliflower cheese & green beans	Strawberry sorbet
Friday	Cod fish fingers Vegetarian fingers	Potato wedges Peas and sweetcorn	Lemon shortbread

Yours sincerely



Mrs H. S. Gee