



# Bowburn Primary News.

March 23rd 2021

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## Farewell old schools, hello new school !

It was both a sad and happy day today at school as it was the last day in the two school buildings for pupils. Many of you will have very happy memories of attending Bowburn Infants and Nursery and Bowburn Juniors. The Infant School opened in 1909 and the Juniors in 1975.

### **Such a lot of children through the doors !**

But after 4 years of waiting , we are finally moving into the new school building of Bowburn Primary School over Easter.

We are looking forward to opening to the children on Monday April 19th , when a new chapter in education in Bowburn will begin. The children had a fun 'last' day in the buildings , with lots of activities taking place , in amongst the last minute packing of course !

**More information on the new school opening will be shared on the website in the week beginning 12th April, once the arrangements are finalised , along with maps of where everything is and how to get onto the site.**

## **EASTER HOLIDAYS 2021**

### SCHOOL CLOSSES:

**WEDNESDAY 24th  
MARCH .**

### REMOTE LEARNING:

**25th and 26th MARCH via  
Class Dojo.**

### NEW SCHOOL

### RE-OPENS:

**MONDAY 19th APRIL in  
the new school !**

**Details on this will be  
emailed out during week of  
12th April .**

## **Red Nose Day 2021**

We all enjoyed Red Nose day on March 19th in school. Children took part in a non - uniform day, and many wore something red instead of their normal uniform. Many children (and staff!) had 'crazy hair' - with some amazing ideas, including rainbow colours! Others chose to wear crazy socks. Staff reminded children in class why we enjoy Red Nose Day and Comic Relief and how the money raised can help children in other countries who are orphaned , refugees or to help open schools and provide health care and education. We asked for donations on our Parent Pay link and as ever everyone was incredibly generous.

**In all we raised an amazing £321.00 for Red Nose Day,  
so thanks to all !**



## **Staff News**

There have been a few staffing changes recently.

After 34 years at the Infants Mrs Brown left today, as she is retiring . She has been at the school for such a long time , working in nursery , in the breakfast club and most recently as a lunchtime supervisor.

Miss Bowmer is also leaving us tomorrow , after 4 years working in the Junior office . We all wish her well for the future.

We also have some new staff in school, Mrs Heightley as a lunchtime supervisor, Miss Willcocks and Mrs Scrafton are our new cleaners.

## School meals and Easter vouchers.

*We have been sent Winter Grant vouchers from the Local Authority just today for those parents in receipt of free school meals to support families over the Easter holidays . Mrs Simpson will be working hard to get these emailed out to all families by Friday of this week. Please be patient while she completes this task.*

## Breakfast Club restarting next term !

We are excited to announce we will be restarting breakfast club , we hope the week beginning 26th April.

A letter will be sent out when we get into the new school . It will be open to pupils of working parents , and cost £3 per day, payable through Parent Pay.

## Uniform reminders and indoor shoes policy

*Please remember we have a uniform policy for PE kits. As we are allowing children to come dressed in PE kits , on the days they have PE it seem as if for some the PE uniform has gone a bit by the wayside recently.*

*Our uniform for PE for ALL children is red tshirt, blue shorts , indoor plimsolls or trainers , and school track suit. All of this can be bought on through Emblematics, details on the website.*

*Designer gear , logo t shirts , football tops of various designs etc etc are NOT allowed . Please help us by supporting our uniform policy.*

*Suitable footwear should be worn every day – ie black school shoes, not trainers or fashion boots /shoes.*

*As there will still be ground works being carried out around the site after we move in, we are considering an indoor shoe policy for pupils . This will mean PLIMSOLLS for indoor use and children can change into these once they arrive in the classrooms. There will be a lot of mud around and obviously we want to keep our new ( mainly carpeted )school clean !*

*If your child doesn't have a pair of plimsolls currently , please consider buying them ready for next term.*

## NATIONAL TUTORING PROGRAMME.

We will shortly be contacting parents/carers of some children who we have identified may benefit from the National Tutoring Programme. This is online tuition which is provided with government funding to help children 'catch up' with lost learning due to the impact of Covid and school closures. We will also be supporting pupils in school but some will be able to access 15 sessions of online tutoring at home over the Summer term. We expect more funding will allow even more children to take part in the Autumn term.

Watch out for more details by letter early next term.

## Covid reporting over the Easter holidays .

**If any child tests positive for Covid up to and including Thursday 1st April you MUST report this immediately to school via email**

**[bowburnprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:bowburnprimary@durhamlearning.net)**

**This will allow us to trace and inform close contacts in order to advise to isolate . After this date please phone 119 Test and Trace.**

## Why not walk to school ?



We hope that we can all walk to school as much as possible once we are in the new school. There is a footpath through the park leading to the entrance to the school site , and new footpath along the edge of the site will allow everyone access. We will continue with our Walk to School badges and eventually encourage bikes and scooters ( but not on the first day please !) with new bike shelters and scooter racks .

**More details on access ( maps etc) will be shared week beginning 12th April**