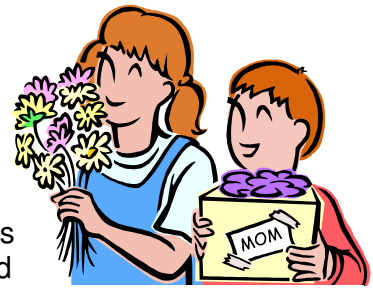




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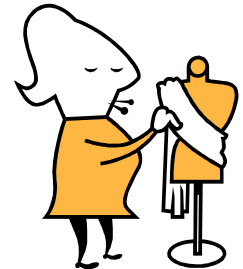


Mothering Sunday – I am sure that you couldn't forget that this Sunday is Mothering Sunday (take note children – breakfast in bed for mum!) There is a very special service for all ages at Bowdon Church, with surprises for mums and the interesting custom of 'clipping' the church. It starts at 10.45am, with tea and coffee being served afterwards in the Parish Centre. It would be lovely to see lots of school families there.

Calling all potential cub leaders – The cub leader up at the Parish Centre is finishing this summer, after many years of service. If you would be interested in either taking over or joining a team to share leadership, please leave your name and a contact number at the school office.

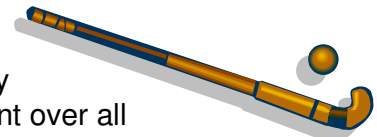
Shine Walk – Last week I mentioned that Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Horner, Mrs White, Miss Chappell, Miss Barclay and Mrs Jones are taking part in the Shine Walk this year, walking 26 miles through Manchester at night to raise money for cancer research. A teddy bear has kindly been donated for a 'Name the Teddy' contest to contribute to their fund raising. If you would like to participate, please put 50p in the honesty box in the entrance hall and select your choice of name.

PTA Fashion Show - There are only 15 tickets left for this popular event which takes place next Thursday 18th March at 8pm in the school hall. There will be a catwalk fashion show, with supermodel mums and teachers displaying clothes from Vanilla of Hale and Captain Tortue's ladies range Miss Captain. There will a few stalls selling must-have accessories and a superb raffle. Tickets cost £5 which includes a glass of fizz. Please contact Katie Forbes in the junior playground or on 07971-880035 if you would like a ticket.



International Children's Villages – We are delighted that once again some of our children have been selected to attend a Children's Village this year. This is a fantastic scheme for eleven year olds, designed to bring about global friendship. Following a rigorous selection process, Alice Preece has been chosen visit Italy, with Amy Irving and Cameron Jamie being selected to attend the German camp. The children will attend a four week international camp and will be part of the multi-lingual, multi-cultural project to emphasis cooperative global living. Well done to the three of you, I'm sure that it will be a superb experience.

Hockey – The hockey teams made us proud again yesterday by playing really well at the Trafford tournament being held at Timperley Hockey Club. The A team won 2 and drew 1, winning the tournament over all and the B team did well, winning one of their matches and holding their own against the A teams from other schools. Mr Hamblett was really pleased with the way that both teams played; with good teamwork, fair play and commitment!



Cake Sale – Amelia Lewin, Genevieve Barron, Beth Cornish, Emma Cornish, Rebecca Peel, Lydia Black and Sarah Johnson were hard at work last week, baking and organising

games for their cake sale. It was to raise money for the RSPCA and they raised the magnificent sum of £104. Well done girls!

Bowdon Business Fair 2010 - Wednesday 12 May, 6.30 pm – 9 pm Parish Centre

Don't forget that if you have a business which is Bowdon-based or if you have a strong connection with Bowdon and would like to register your interest in taking a stand at the Fair (or if you have any questions) please email Emma Smyth: smyths@southroad.org or Jo Oughton in the Parish Office: admin@bowdonchurch.org.

Lower Junior Choir – unfortunately I will have to cancel Lower Junior Choir next week, as I am away on a course. It will be back to usual the following week.

School ICT – We will be sending out some information about ICT over the next couple of weeks.

- One is the results of the e-safety survey that we carried out with Junior children and which I promised earlier in the year. Please take the time to look at these because there are some rather worrying trends which support the alarm being communicated in the news at the moment. We are arranging an information evening for parents on e-safety for your children and a slip is included for you to indicate your preferences for the content of that meeting.
- The other is a questionnaire for you to complete, so that you can feed into our development of the use of ICT in school over the next few years. We would be grateful for your contributions.



Lunch money letters – all letters will now be sent out by ParentMail. The system gives us a list of unregistered people and their letters will be sent out via their son/daughter. If you have not yet registered and you have email at home, please contact the office.

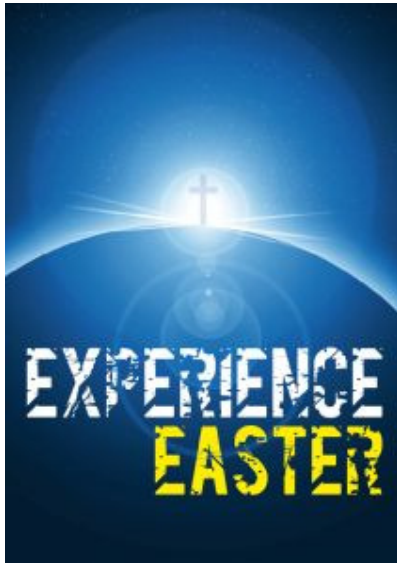
Lost property – this has built up again and there must be some children with no clothes at home! Lost property will be cleared and given to charity on Friday 26th March. Mrs Clarke will be putting it out on tables in the playground after school at various times, please have a look and see if you recognise any.

Flora, free cooking equipment – Further to last week's message, entering your Flora tokens is very simple online, just input the school post code – WA14 3EX. The website address is: www.cookingwithschools.com.



More past pupil news – We were all thrilled to hear that past pupil, Anna Blackwell, has been given a full contract with Northern Ballet Theatre. This follows years of hard work and training, which all started when she was at this school. Those of us who were here then remember her as the star in the infant nativity play and the children who take that role now, wear the tutu from her early dancing days.

School website: www.bowdoncs.org.uk



Experience Easter

We are all set for a very exciting week in the last week of term, culminating in our Easter service on Friday 26th March at 2pm.

Every class will visit the church during the week and work their way around six stations in small groups. We will need plenty of adult help for this, both to help lead groups at church and to walk up there and back with the different classes. If you think that you will be available for half a day, please see Mrs Brierley. We are especially short of helpers up at church on Thursday 25th March.

Y2 to Y6 will walk up to church again on the Friday afternoon for the Easter Service. If you are able to help with walking, please send a message to the class teacher. If you are planning to attend the service and would like to take your child straight home, please complete the slip at the end of this letter and return it to school or send a note. All children will be escorted back to school unless a signed note is received.

The timetable for classes going up to church is as follows:

Monday 22 nd March	morning	Y6
	afternoon	Y4
Tuesday 23 rd March	morning	Y3
	afternoon	Y2 White and Cochrane
Wednesday 24 th March	morning	Y2 Brierley
	afternoon	Reception
Thursday 25 th March	morning	Y5
	afternoon	Y1
Friday 26 th March	2pm	Easter Service Y2 – 6



For anyone who would like to 'Experience Easter' with their children, the church will be open for all to share the experience on Monday 29th March 2pm – 7pm and Tuesday 30th March 10am to 2pm.

Easter Service

I will be attending the Easter Service on Friday 26th March at 2pm and will be taking my child

_____ Class _____ home with me at the end.

Or

I will/will not be able to help with walking up to church and back to school on Friday 26th March. Meeting at school at 1.15pm.

Signed.....