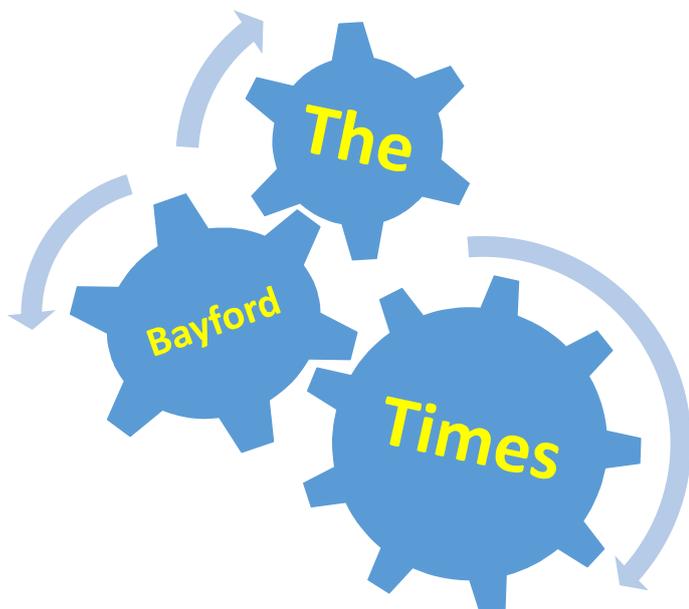
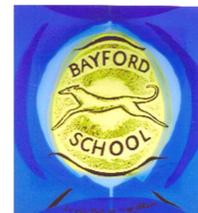


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## Unwanted Clothes

Last year we were asked if we would donate our old uniforms to the Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry in Uganda. This proved to be a very popular appeal as you can see and was lovely to see the children being able to use them in the primary school that the organisation set up!

This year we are asking for any unwanted dresses or skirts for 5-9 year olds. They do not have to be school uniform. These will be sent out to Uganda once again as they are desperately in need so if you have any please bring them into school within the next 2 weeks (by 27/1/17) so that we can send them off.



### Healthy Eating

Continuing our drive on healthy eating, can we remind you that there should be no chocolate bars in children's packed lunches e.g. mars bars etc. Chocolate wafer biscuits are acceptable e.g. Kit Kats, Blue Riband bars.



### eSafety

This half-term children will have a visit during assembly time from the Ex-cite company to inform them of the importance of keeping safe online.

The teachers will then receive training on how to plan and incorporate the right messages throughout the delivery of the curriculum.

### 2017/18 Term Dates

These have now been placed on the school website.

### Weather Warning System

As well as our usual texting system, in the event of extreme weather we are asking parents to sign up to the School Closure Notification System.

In order to receive notifications via SMS and email you will need to sign up using the following address:

[member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489](http://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489)

This link will direct you to the "Sign Up" page where you should click on the "sign up" button located at the top right hand side of the page on the grey strip and from there follow the instructions.

### Class Sharing Assemblies

We will be holding our Class Sharing Assemblies this half-term as follows:

Class 2 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 2:45pm

Parents and families are warmly welcome.

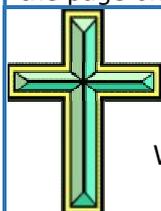
Reception, Class 1 and Class 3 will have their Sharing Assemblies after half-term.

### Value

This half term our value is 'Courage'.

We will be focussing on this during assembly times and also in our daily school life.

'I can do all things through him who strengthens me'  
Philippians 4v13



### Clubs

We have recently started a number of new clubs this term on a Monday after school. These are:

3:30-4:15pm Tag Rugby  
3:30-4:15pm Lego

### Class 2 Swimming

This term Class 2 have started their swimming lessons in Hartham Leisure Centre. These take place on a Wednesday morning and the children should remember their swimming costumes and towels.

Contributions £6:10/week.



### FOBS Friday night Film Club

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
5pm-7pm

Food and drinks provided  
(all food is nut free)

£5 per person

Nursery children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Please see Lorna Chilton for tickets  
(flyers in book bags).

### School Shoes

Please can we remind you that children can wear trainers/wellies/outdoor shoes to school but they must have school shoes to change into throughout the school day.



### School Bus

Can we remind you that if your child is brought to school or collected from school any day please contact Golden Boy directly if there are any changes to arrangements.

### Attendance

We are pleased that for the autumn term of this academic year the attendance of each class has been as follows:

Reception	94.9%
Class 1	97.6%
Class 2	97.5%
Class 3	97.1%

Please keep this up!

### Attendance Policy

Can we remind you that our Attendance Policy has been reviewed to be in line with Herts. County policy.

The amount of time before parents may receive a fixed term penalty for unauthorised absences has been reduced from 21 sessions to 15 sessions.

This policy can be found on the school's website.

### PE Lessons

Please ensure PE kits are kept in school and taken home at the end of a half-term.



During PE lessons, for health and safety reasons children with long hair should have their hair tied back, and earrings should be taken out or covered up.

### Mental Fluency in Maths

In a recent staff training session, the teachers have looked at the above, short, 5min. video, which is on our website under: information/curriculum/maths.

It gives lots of useful advice as to how you can develop your child's mental arithmetic.

Please take a look!

### Safe Driving



The Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership is launching a new campaign to 'put it away' as many drivers are continuing to use their handheld mobile phone while driving. However good your driving is, checking a text, browsing, scrolling through your music means you not paying attention to the road, things happen that you cannot react in time to. Remove the temptation and put your mobile away in a bag, in the gloves compartment, out of reach – it is just not worth the risk.

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/putitaway](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/putitaway)

Soon the penalties for using a handheld mobile phone while driving are doubling to £200 fine and six points on your licence – an immediate ban for new drivers.