



PTFA NEWS

Supporting our School for Success

Dates for your Diary

Christmas Fayre:

- Monday 27th November
3.00pm - 5.00pm in the
School Hall

School Disco:

- Thursday 22nd March 2018

Reception - 3.30-4.15pm
Yrs 1 and 2 - 4.30-5.30pm
Yrs 3 and 4 - 5.45-6.45pm
Yrs 5 and 6 - 7.00-8.00pm

PTFA Friday Feast:

- Friday 27th April 2018

School Summer Fete:

- Friday 15th June 2018

Next Meeting Date:

- Friday 8th December in the Art
Room at 1.30pm

Everyone welcome - tea and
coffee supplied! Little ones
always welcome.

Welcome to....

Welcome to all the new
Reception children and parents.

Autumn update:

Hello and Welcome back from Half Term. It's been a while since we last sent out a newsletter so this one is jammed packed with exciting news and updates.

Another record breaking year:

During 2016/2017 with your amazing support, we raised a total of £7,036. These funds smashed the previous year.

We have been able to support lots of great school projects during the last academic year including: Blackout Blinds for the School Hall, Christmas presents/party food for Class Parties, Donations for plants for the Sensory Garden, License for Beauty and the Beast Year 6 Production, Subsidised Leavers Book and T-Shirts, new Musical Instruments for all year groups.

School Christmas Fayre:

Christmas delights await you at our Christmas Fayre on **Monday 27th November 3.00-5.00pm in the school hall**. There will be a range of Christmas stalls selling a great selection of Christmas gifts for friends and family, refreshments, fun stalls with prizes and maybe a visit from a special someone! Come along and get into the Christmas spirit.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are in need of donations for our Christmas Tombola at the Fayre. Unwanted gifts, favourite chocs or anything nice which would make a prize. Please leave with school office.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are in need of donations for our refreshment stall. Christmas themed cakes, biscuits or any other goodies. Please bring on the morning of 27th Nov.

Christmas cards:

The Christmas card designs are looking lovely and are already in your hands to return. Please note the return dates. We will be working hard to get the designs back to you in time for posting.

Thank you to....

The unsung heroes who make our events happen - Dave the caretaker, and Mr Wardnott for their help with the summer fete, and to Sandra Doughty for all her help last year with our events and co-ordinating the school disco which was a great success.

Find us on Facebook

Keep in touch more regularly via our brand new Facebook page where we post all kinds of PTFA news and events. Just search 'Friends of Bowhill Primary School' and request to become a member. We'll get back to you asap. Please note this page is for parents and carers for children at Bowhill only.

Contact Us

For any ideas or suggestions for fundraising events, or if you have any query about becoming a committee member, please email:

ptfa@bowhill.devon.sch.uk

End of Term Christmas Hamper Raffle:

Our annual Christmas Hamper raffle will take place before the end of term with the opportunity to win lots of wonderful Christmas goodies.

Raffle tickets will be sent home on Friday 24th November with two strips included. You'll have 3 weeks to purchase the tickets if you'd like to enter the raffle.

Don't forget you can buy more tickets - look out for the PTFA team selling them in the playground (Dates will be posted on whiteboard)

Hamper collection boxes will be placed in each classroom during the last week of November with each class kindly taking the job of filling one whole box. Your kind donations of biscuits, mince pies, shortbread, chocolates, puddings, nuts, wine, beer, crackers and other Christmassy things (but no food tins) would be very much appreciated - please just check the best before dates.

We hope for another fantastic fundraiser which will go towards supporting our school.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 14th December

Charitable status

Some of you may know that over the last 6-9 months we have been working to establish the PTFA as a registered Charity. Over the summer we were granted this status. It's an exciting step forwards which means we will be able to access more grants and funding to support the school. The charity details are:

Friends of Bowhill Primary School Registered Number 11743308

We have had to restructure the PTFA slightly because of this change. Now we have a group of members who are Trustees and are responsible for running the charity and for making decisions. Alongside this are a core of informal members who are part of the PTFA team and get just as involved but who aren't officially responsible for the charity. We welcome all informal members to our meetings and are constantly looking for support and help.

Please come and get involved - it's a great way to find new friends.

The PTFA Trustee Team are:

Kelly Voysey, Chairperson
 Jenny Sexton, Vice Chairperson
 Claire Quick, Treasurer
 Steph Stone, Secretary
 Marie Morgan
 Kate Brazendale-Sweet
 Liz Capell
 Debby Ward (Key Stage 1)
 Caren Brooks (Head Teacher)