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NEWSLETTER 11

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the summer term! As usual, we are looking forward to a busy, and important, few months - SATs will be coming up in May for Years 2 and 6 - please look out for information coming home from class teachers regarding these - especially Year 6. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are unable to authorise holidays during term time, unless the circumstances are exceptional, and this is particularly important during May. Hopefully we will have some lovely weather to enjoy - classes will be out and about enjoying a variety of trips which will enhance the taught curriculum - as well as optional residentials for Years 4, 5 and 6

Please don't forget there is a **non-pupil day on Thursday 3rd May** due to the school being used as a polling station for local elections.

MR BURNARD, MS BLATCHFORD AND MS CASHMORE

It is with regret that we are now able to share the news that three longstanding teachers will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term. After many years at Bowhill and previously John Stocker, Mr Burnard has taken the decision to step away from his role as Deputy Headteacher and "retire" - although we hope we may see him in the future as a valued supply teacher!

Ms Blatchford, another long serving member of staff who taught at John Stocker before Bowhill, has also decided the time is right for her to leave Bowhill and "retire" at the end of the Summer Term. Again, we hope that we may see her in the future as a valued supply teacher so that our children can continue to benefit from her experience and enthusiasm!

Finally, Ms Cashmore has also decided the time is right for her to retire, a decision she has taken after a lot of thought. Ms Cashmore taught at Cowick First School and moved to Bowhill when the two schools joined together. We will miss her enormous contribution to our school, particularly her beautiful singing voice during assemblies!

I know that many of you will want to join us in wishing them all the very best for the future. They will be missed by children, parents and staff alike. We will, of course, give you a complete update about teaching staff for the next academic year nearer the end of term.

PARENTS EVENINGS

If you were unable to attend a parent's evening before the Easter holiday, please don't miss the opportunity and have a word with your child's class teacher.

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

The children are aware of how to use the adventure area safely and know that they are not allowed to play there without a member of staff supervising. At the end of the day can we ask parents not to let their children play on the adventure playground area unless they are closely supervised. Thank you.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is very important that the contact details we hold for parents, guardians and carers are up to date. If you need to update your telephone number or address please let the school office know. Also don't forget to sign up with the School Gateway App - this is an easy way for school to keep in contact with you and for you to pay for school trips and Breakfast Club. Download the School Gateway app or visit www.schoolgateway.com and click on "New User".

PTFA

Friends of Bowhill will be working as hard as ever to organise the Summer Fete. This will be on Friday 15 June and more information will follow on the PTFA newsletter.

FINALLY ...

The Summer Term is always a busy one - with that in mind we have a list of some key dates. Please make a note of them in your diary. However, do keep an eye open for updates on our website and in future newsletters as there are likely to be additions!

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Caren Brooks
Headteacher

*Don't forget to keep checking our website which we update with news, photos and links -
www.bowhill.devon.sch.uk*

Key Dates - Summer Term 2018

APRIL

Monday 23 April	Yrs 5/6	Maths Activity afternoon for parents - 2.45 to 3.15
Friday 27 April	All	PTFA Friday Feast

MAY

Thursday 3 May	All	Non Pupil Day - school use as Polling Station
Monday 7 May	All	Bank Holiday
Friday 11 May	Reception	Reception Friday Feast
w/c 14 May	Yr 6	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June	All	Half Term week

JUNE

Monday 4 June	Yr 6	Swimming - 10.00 to 11.00
Monday 11 June	Yr 6	Swimming - 10.00 to 11.00
Friday 15 June	All	PTFA Summer Fete
w/c 18 June	Yrs 5/6	London Residential week
Monday 25 June	Yr 6	Swimming - 10.00 to 11.00

JULY

Monday 2 July	Yr 6	Swimming - 10.00 to 11.00
Thursday 5 July	Yr 6	Secondary School Transfer Day
w/c 9 July	Yr 4	Dartmoor Residential week
Monday 9 July	Yr 6	Swimming - 10.00 to 11.00
Wednesday 25 July	All	Last day of Summer Term