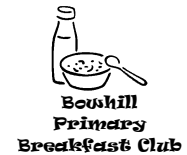




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## NEWSLETTER 5

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Dear Parents/Carers

Just a short newsletter to remind you of everything that is happening next week!

### TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER

#### KS2 CHRISTINGLE PERFORMANCES at THE METHODIST CHURCH, COWICK STREET

Classes will attend as follows:

- 10.00 a.m. - Mr Mawdsley, Mr Martin, Mrs Ward, Mrs Knapman/Ms Cashmore, Miss Bird
- 2.00 p.m. - Mr Brook, Ms Blatchford, Mr Smout, Mr Roddy

### WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER

#### KS1 CHRISTINGLE PERFORMANCE at THE METHODIST CHURCH, COWICK STREET

Classes will attend as follows:

- 10.00 a.m. - All Year One children
- 2.00 p.m. - All Year Two children

For both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 there will be two performances this year, one starting at 10.00 a.m. and the other starting at 2.00 p.m. As space is limited at the Church we would be grateful if you would ensure you only attend the service that your child's class is taking part in - please see above as to which classes are attending which service. Doors will be opened after the children are all seated.

For safety reasons, at the end of the afternoon performance, children will be walked back to school before being dismissed. **Please remember there is no parking at the Church and due to very limited space within the hall buggies are not allowed in the main body of the church, but may be left in the foyer if there is sufficient space.**

Also please note that no photographs/videos should be taken during any of the performances due to child protection issues. You will be able to take photographs at the end. A collection will be made at each service and the money will be shared between the St Thomas Methodist Church and the Children's Hospice.

### THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER

#### FOUNDATION SHARINGS

Thursday 15 December - Reception classes at 9.00 a.m.

#### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please note that Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 15 December - which means that the meal on Wednesday 14 December will be Oven Baked Fish Fingers and Chips/ Quorn Veggie Sausage Hot Dog / Jacket Potato.

The price of the Christmas meal is £2.20 (for Key Stage 2 children only as Foundation/Key Stage 1 children receive universal infant free school meals) and a vegetarian option will be available. If your child regularly has a school dinner he or she can use their usual lunch tickets. Alternatively tickets can be purchased from the office.

### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW**

The draw for the Christmas Hampers will be during assembly on this day. Extra raffle tickets can be purchased from the school office.

## **FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER**

### **KS1 SHARINGS**

Friday 16 December - KS1 classes at 9.00 a.m.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

This will be a non-uniform day and children may wear party clothes but please remember that it is winter and they play outdoors, so sensible clothes please.

## **MRS BROWN AND MR ANSELL**

After more than 25 years of working at both John Stocker School and Bowhill Primary School Mrs Brown has decided it is time to step back and relax! She will be retiring at the end of this term and will be very much missed by both pupils and staff.

We will also be saying farewell to Mr Ansell who is leaving us at the end of the term to continue his career at Pinhoe Primary School and we wish him all the very best.

## **OFSTED VISIT**

Finally, you will be aware of our visitors from Ofsted recently. I am very proud of our children and staff and hope to be able to share the Ofsted report with you all by the end of next week. Until then, I would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of support. It is lovely to know that so many of you think so highly of Bowhill!

Have a restful weekend,

Miss Caren Brooks  
Headteacher

## **Espresso Home Access**

For a number of years our teachers have been using Espresso Education, a digital resource that has been recognised as transforming the world of learning through its blend of visual media and interactive resources.

We are subscribed to Espresso Education Pupil Home Access, allowing children to access the resource from home. Your children can access this resource by going to the school website and clicking on the button Espresso Home Access and following the link to Espresso Online. A generic user and password have been provided.