



Dear Parents/Carers

### **FIRSTLY A BIG THANK YOU**

This time of year is always a busy one in school and your children have worked and performed very well, both at school and in the community, making our staff very proud. During assemblies, in church and in the community they have been fantastic, so well done to all of them. To all the families who have come along to support these activities so enthusiastically, thank you too!

### **CHRISTINGLE COLLECTIONS**

As a school community we are very proud of the generosity and spirit of our children and families who have raised money for a wide variety of good causes this term, the most recent being an amazing £500 collected at our Christingle services. This will be donated to the Children's Hospice and to the St. Thomas Methodist Church. Thank you for your support.

### **FRIENDS OF BOWHILL - CHRISTMAS FAIR AND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Thank you to our PTFA, Friends of Bowhill, who worked so hard to make the Christmas Fair a huge success. The hall and art room were full of wonderful craft stalls, and Father Christmas and his Elves were very busy throughout the afternoon!

The School Governors and Friends of Bowhill would also like to thank everyone who has donated gifts for the Christmas Hampers and supported the draw. We were able to fill nineteen hampers to accompany the first prize of £100. The draw was a tremendous success this year and as always your support and generosity is very much appreciated. Friends of Bowhill work so hard to raise funds for our school and we are very grateful. The total raised so far from the Christmas Fair and Raffle is an absolutely amazing £2,481 - thank you all for supporting Friends of Bowhill so generously.

### **SCHOOL MENU**

A menu for next term accompanies this newsletter. The cost of a meal remains at £2.30. Don't forget you can always check our menu on our website.

### **EARLY HELP FOR MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP**

Early Help for Mental Health (EH4MH) have offered to run parent workshops centered around developing and sustaining positive mental health for children and young people. The workshop is called 'Normal Magic' - focusing on our interactions with children and young people to help support their mental health, the importance of balancing our mental health and positive choices we can make in doing this. They have suggested two sessions on the provisional date of Thursday, 24th January, Session One: 1.30pm - 3pm or Session Two: 3.30pm - 5pm. If you would like to be involved, please could you email Miss Eustace (SENCo) through [admin@bowhill.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bowhill.devon.sch.uk) and register your interest. Please also indicate which session you would be interested in attending. If we have enough interest, we will look to confirm the workshops by 11th January. There is no cost involved and they will be held in school.

## **NEW CHILDLINE WEBSITE FOR UNDER 12s**

Childline has launched a website aimed at children under 12 which provides age appropriate content on topics including bullying, family, friends, feelings, school, abuse and staying safe. It also includes games and therapeutic tools for young visitors to play and express how they are feeling. It will be promoted through the NSPCC's Speak out Stay safe programme <https://www.childline.org.uk/kids>

## **BEN SIMONS FOOTBALL CLUB**

Ben Simons Football Club - please note that Ben Simons Football Club will start up again on Friday 11 January. Ben can be contacted on 07919 360222.

**AND FINALLY** the staff and Governors wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay safe and well over the holiday period, particularly if the weather remains dark and dismal, and we look forward to seeing you again on **Tuesday 8 January 2019**.

*Miss Caren Brooks and all the Staff and Governors at Bowhill*

## **SCHOOL TERM DATES - JANUARY 2019 TO JULY 2019**

<b><u>SPRING TERM</u></b>	<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Tuesday 8 January 2019</b>
	Half Term	Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February 2019
	Term Ends	Friday 5 April 2019
<b><u>SUMMER TERM</u></b>	<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Wednesday 24 April 2019</b>
	Non Pupil Day	Thursday 2 May 2019
	May Day Holiday	Monday 6 May 2019
	Half Term	Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019
	Term ends	Tuesday 23 July 2019

