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NEWSLETTER 7

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Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy half term we have had! There have been entertaining class assemblies (thank you Mrs Price and Ms Cashmore's classes) and successful Friday Feasts for Years 1/2 - thank you for supporting these. KS1 had a very enjoyable visit from Mr Benn (Rob Pudner) which has resulted in some really high quality writing. Mr Brook and Mr Roddy's classes took part in an indoor rugby competition set up by Exeter College and Year 5 have been cooking at West Exe School. Finally thank you to everyone who attended the recent Maths Information meeting for Reception parents on Monday 25 January after school as well as those parents who were able to come in and observe Maths being taught in the Reception classes - I hope you all found it very informative.

A reminder that next week, Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February, is half term. The children return to school on Monday 22 February.

### WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 3 MARCH

Thursday 3 March is World Book Day when we celebrate the joy of books and reading. There will be exciting activities in school throughout the week including a performance by the West End in Schools Theatre Company on Friday 4 March. Thursday 3 March will be "Come as a Character Day" where children (and staff) may come to school dressed as one of their favourite fictional characters! It promises to be a fun-filled week!

### CAR PARK

Can we remind parents that between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. the car park is for the use of staff only. The electronic vehicular gates are usually opened after 4.00 p.m. at which time if you are picking up a child from an after school activity, or Kidz Biz, parents may park carefully, and considerately, in the car park if there are spaces to park. We would also ask parents not to drive into the playground area when coming to pick up children after school.

Finally, please do not walk out through the vehicular gates if they have opened for a car. This can have an adverse effect on the sensors. Thank you.

### LOST PROPERTY

No sooner do we manage to clear the lost property boxes, then they fill up again! We encourage our pupils to take responsibility for their items - can we ask that you support this at home as well please. To make it easier to return lost property to their owner please clearly name any items that your child brings to school, including lunchboxes and fruit pots. With regards to lunchboxes and fruit pots, any unclaimed and unnamed lunch boxes and fruit pots will be thrown away at the end of each week.

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

It is very important that parents let the school office know in advance if their child will not be attending any before or after school activity. If a child does not turn up for a club and we are unaware of the reason why, it takes time away from the session contacting parents or carers to find out their child's whereabouts.

## PUSHCHAIRS

Can we again remind parents that pushchairs should not be brought into the school building - thank you.

## LONDON RESIDENTIAL

The next instalment of £50 is due by Friday 26 February. There are also some outstanding instalments which were due by 22 January - can we ask parents to send these outstanding payments in as quickly as possible. Thank you.

## NIT BUSTING

Unfortunately headlice continue to be a problem in schools and we are no exception. We are asking parents and carers to have a 'nit-busting half term'. We would ask that over the half term you check the hair of everyone in your household and, if necessary, treat the whole family with daily combing. When undertaken regularly, combing is an effective way to combat this problem. Hopefully this will then minimise the number of incidents in school. If you require any further advice, please contact the school and we can put you in touch with the School Nurse.

Enjoy the half term break.

Miss Caren Brooks  
Headteacher

A word from our Governors. . . .

The Governors are pleased to inform parents that a new Co-opted governor, Joanne Radford, has joined the governing body. Jo has children in Years 1 and 3 at Bowhill Primary School and also works as a primary school teacher. Jo has many years' experience working in education and so will be able to contribute her knowledge and experience when working with the other governors to make decisions. Jo will also take on the governor responsibilities of Special Educational Needs (SEN), and Reading and Writing. She will link with Foundation Stage and sit on the Buildings and Finance Committee. If you wish to know more about the governing body please take a look at the latest minutes from our meetings on the school website and if you want to know who's who check out the photo gallery of governors in the main entrance!