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NEWSLETTER 8

9 January 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, welcome back to everyone! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break. Please take the time to read this newsletter which contains some important information.

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Would you like to help us save paper? Currently we send out a number of newsletters via email. If you would like to receive newsletters in the future via email rather than in paper form please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to the school office.

APPLICATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES SEPTEMBER 2015 – CLOSING DATE : 15 JANUARY 2015

Please note that the closing date for applications for a primary school place for children born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 is Thursday 15 January. It is vital that applications are received by the Devon County Admissions Team on time as those received after 15 January 2015 will be regarded as late and, where schools are oversubscribed, will be disadvantaged. Parents can submit applications on-line via www.devon.gov.uk/schools/admissions or forms are available from the School Office.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

A proportion of the funding we receive from Government is based on the number of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (as opposed to Universal Free School Meals which is available to all children in Foundation and Key Stage 1). Your child is entitled to Free School Meals if you receive any of the following:

➤ Income Support (IS)	➤ Guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
➤ Income based and contribution based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) on an equal basis	➤ Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit (WTC) and annual income below £16,190 a year
➤ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)	➤ Entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (for a further four weeks after no longer qualifying for WTC)
➤ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)	➤ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

By registering for free school meals you will be helping the funding of your child's school. Information will be gathered nationally from schools on Thursday 15 January, so if you think your family may be eligible please register before that date **EVEN IF YOUR CHILD IS IN RECEPTION OR KEY STAGE ONE**. You will be helping enormously – funding is used to subsidise, for example, theatre visits, music lessons and additional school support. A form is available from the School Office.

FRIDAY FEASTS

The dates for the Friday Feasts this half term are:

Friday 23 January - Classes 1/1 and 1/2
Friday 13 February - Classes 1/3, 1/4 and 1/5

This is an opportunity for parents and carers to come along for a cup of tea and a chat with other parents in our canteen "The Bowhill Diner". There will be colouring for pre-school children and cakes for sale and any money raised will be given to the classes to spend. Second hand school uniform is also often available.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Friday 16 January - Class 3/1

Parents are welcome to attend their child’s class assembly. Please arrive no later than 2.45 p.m. It is absolutely wonderful to see so many family members coming to see our class assemblies throughout the year. The adults and children work REALLY hard to put on a lovely performance for everyone to enjoy. In order to make these occasions even more special, please would everyone remember to switch their mobile phones off during the assembly and to make sure that younger siblings watch quietly and without running around so that the performance can be clearly heard all over the hall. Thank you very much.

PLAYGROUNDS AT THE END OF THE DAY

Can we remind everyone that at the end of the day children are the responsibility of the adult they are with. Any children on the adventure playground should be adequately supervised and no children should be playing ball or other games in the playgrounds on their way out of school.

BREAKFAST CLUB BOOK AND MAGAZINE RACK

Just outside the Art Room we have a rack selling second hand books and magazines. The proceeds from this are given to our Breakfast Club. If you have any unwanted magazines or books please drop them into the School Office, it would be really appreciated.

YEAR SIX SATS WEEK

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the week beginning Monday 11 May 2015 will be SATS week.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Well done to everyone who has come to school dressed for the weather! A lot of wellington boots and waterproofs – very sensible with the recent downpours. Can you also remember to bring in your school shoes to wear during the day as well!

LONDON RESIDENTIAL 2015

The next instalment for this residential is due by 23 January. If you have not paid the instalment which was due in November could you please ensure this is paid as soon as possible.

Enjoy your weekend,

Miss C Brooks
Headteacher

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Child/Children’s Name(s) Class
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Parent/Carer Date