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NEWSLETTER 9

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Dear Parents/Carers

### **MATHS PUZZLE DAYS**

To encourage our pupils to see that maths can be both fun, and a challenge, we will be holding two Maths Puzzle Days – Wednesday 4 February for Foundation/KS1 and Wednesday 11 February for KS2. During the day the children will have the opportunity to work at some fun puzzle challenges which we hope will raise their expectations about what can be achieved. At the end of the day parents will have the opportunity to see the puzzles the children have been working with and some will be available to purchase if you wish.

### **FOUNDATION MATHS MEETING – MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY**

We will be holding a Maths meeting for Reception parents and carers on Monday 9 February. This is an opportunity to find out about the way children in the Foundation Key Stage will be learning Maths and look at some of the resources used. A letter has already been sent home with more information.

### **INTERNET SAFETY DAY – TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2015**

Tuesday 10 February is Internet Safety Day. While technology offers many opportunities, it is not without problems and many parents and carers understandably have questions and/or concerns. To help support families we are holding an informal drop in session between 9.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. on that day in our Dining Hall. Nick Taylor, the local Youth Intervention Officer and Kate Williams, our Parent Support Adviser will be available to answer any questions you may have about online safety. Please do drop in for a chat.

### **FRIDAY FEAST**

The next Friday Feast will be:

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 13 February - Class 4/1

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. 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.

### **BUG CLUB**

The online reading scheme, which Bowhill purchases for early readers, continues to be both popular, and effective. Occasionally, families have reported problems with accessing the site on iPads or tablets. This can be remedied by downloading a free App called Puffin Academy – thank you to Julie Harris, one of our parent governors, for this tip!

### **PARENTS DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP FROM BREAKFAST CLUB AND KIDZ BIZ**

Can we please remind parents who may drop children into school first thing to Breakfast Club or come and pick up from Kidzbiz, to take extreme care if driving up into the playground areas – there have been a couple of near misses involving children and staff arriving for, or leaving, school on foot. Thank you.

### **FRIENDS OF BOWHILL PTFA**

Our PTFA are very proactive and are now sending out a regular newsletter. Please see overleaf for number one!

Have a good weekend,

Miss Caren Brooks  
Headteacher