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NEWSLETTER 11

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Dear Parents/Carers

### OVER THIS YEAR . . .

As I reflect back on the past academic year, I am so proud of our children and staff and what they manage to achieve! We have had successes in sports, and some of our pupils have been successful in national art and writing competitions. Congratulations also go to Frankie and Rueben who have been selected as Youth Advisers for the Film Club Youth Advisory Council. Other pupils have been very proactive in developing groups to support and develop the environment and we sent successful teams to the annual Math Challenges. Our families have generously supported Red Nose Day, Jeans for Genes day and Ellie's Fund as well as PTFA events held throughout the year - thank you! We have had successful residential in London and Dartmoor - thank you to the children and staff who attended these.

We continue to work closely with the other members of the Exeter Learning Academy Trust, who have met regularly for sporting, artistic and creative events. These are just a few of the things which have happened during the year - well done to everyone - we are so lucky to have such a thriving and supportive school community!

Finally a huge well done to our Year 6 children for their wonderful performances of "Goodbye My Friend" - they were amazing. Congratulations to all the staff involved - a tremendous amount of work goes into putting on a performance. There is a lot of information on this newsletter - please take the time to read through all of it.

### THANK YOU TO OUR PTFA

A special thank-you to all our PTFA members after a particularly successful year! They work so hard throughout to make their fund-raising events so successful. This year they have raised over £10,000 all of which has gone to fund the following:

- PA system, microphones and accessories
- Class parties
- Guinea Pig area improvements
- Playground improvements and plaque
- Contributed towards KS1 raised beds
- Contributed towards the Year 6 Haven Banks trip
- Year 6 Hoodies and Autograph Books
- Redecoration of the Hall (happening over the summer break)

We are extremely grateful for all the support the PTFA provide to the school. Particular thanks to Kelly Voysey, who is standing down from the role of chairperson after a very successful tenure in post! We are sure the PTFA will continue to go from strength to strength. If you think you would like to get involved with them, please contact the school office.

### SCHOOL GATEWAY

As you will be aware, we have been using School Gateway as a system for parents to make payments this year as much as possible. From September we intend to be a cash-free environment. This will mean that anything that requires payment - such as trips, residential, Breakfast Club, After School Club and school lunches - we will ask for payment to be made through School Gateway. If you have yet to sign up, please do so during the summer holidays. You can link to the School Gateway register page by pressing the red "School Gateway" button on the current home page of the Bowhill School website.

### EARRINGS

If you are intending to get your child's ears pierced in the near future, please consider getting them done at the beginning of the school holidays. This will hopefully mean that the earrings will be able to be removed by the time we return to school in September. Children who cannot remove earrings will not be able to take part in PE lessons. We hope you understand that this is to minimise the risk of injury and is in line with health and safety guidance.

## **BOWHILL WEBSITE**

Look out for the new look Bowhill website which will be launched at the start of next term. There will be a link to School Gateway on the front page.

## **STAFFING**

We will be welcoming Miss Bottrell to Year 5/6 and Miss Moseley to the Year 1/2 teaching teams in September. Miss Plumridge will be leaving us to take up a new teaching position in September and we wish her all the very best for the future.

## **SCHOOL MENU**

As from September we shall be using School Gateway to provide a meal booking and payment service. Further information has already been circulated to parents. As always the menu will be available on our website.

## **BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB**

You may be aware that from September, Bowhill will be managing both the before and after school paid childcare. For any enquiries please call 07939513178. There will be a new booking in system, and thank you to those parents who have already enquired. We appreciate that not being able to pre-book sessions for September may be worrying, but unfortunately it is not possible to book until School Gateway is up and running for both clubs.

## **PARENT CAFÉ AND BOWHILL RUNNING CLUB**

Our Bowhill Café on Friday mornings continues to be popular with parents, and the Bowhill Running Club goes from strength to strength. The Running Club will be starting the Couch to 5k programme again on September 10th. Come and join other parents and meet new friends while getting fit. We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 in the school canteen, we are a friendly group and always have a catch up with refreshments at the end of our run. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **SCOOTERS**

It's time for our annual clear up of the scooter shed! Some scooters have been in the scooter shed for well over a year now and don't appear to have a home to go to! Over the summer break any scooters left on site will be disposed of.

## **MUSIC LESSONS**

We have peripatetic music teachers who come into school and teach a variety of instruments, as detailed below.

Alfie Pugh - Teaches keyboard/piano  
Ady Nuthall - Teaches a variety of instruments including guitar, flute, trumpet and clarinet amongst others  
David Lindsay - Teaches drums

If your child would be interested in starting music lessons in September, please ask for information from the School Office.

**Please note** the first day of the Autumn Term is **Wednesday 4 September**. Thank you all for your support this year. We wish everyone a safe and happy summer holiday.

Finally - to everyone who will be starting adventures afresh in September - children and adults alike - we want to say good luck and every success!

Miss Caren Brooks  
Head teacher

*Don't forget to keep checking our website which we update with news, photos and links - [www.bowhill.devon.sch.uk](http://www.bowhill.devon.sch.uk)*

## **Next Year's Classes**

R1 - Mrs Carter/Mrs Webb

R2 - Miss Dopson

R3 - Mrs Pearce

1/2 CL - Miss Lawes

1/2 CB - Mrs Bates/Mrs Crossfield

1/2 KS - Miss Shields

1/2 SL - Miss Leigh

1/2 DW - Mrs Ward/Miss Moseley

3/4 MS - Mr Smout

3/4 SW - Mr Webber

3/4 RW - Mrs Williams

3/4 SK - Mrs Knapman/Mrs Cooper

3/4 PW - Mrs Ward

5/6 PM - Mr Mawdsley

5/6 ZB - Miss Bottrell

5/6 DB - Mrs Burnham

5/6 HM - Ms Merttens

5/6 JR - Mrs J Radford