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NEWSLETTER 12



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Dear Parents/Carers

IMPORTANT : START TO THE SUMMER TERM

Can we remind parents that the Summer Term starts on Tuesday 12 April.

MENU FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Please find the menu for next term accompanying this newsletter. The cost of a school meal remains at £2.20.



DESIGN A RHINO - WELL DONE HARRY!

The Express and Echo recently ran a competition to win a life sized rhino model and one of our pupils, Harry Lings, was shortlisted. The competition was part of Paignton Zoo's Great Big Rhino Project and Harry's design had a musical theme. We are really pleased to tell you that Harry's design won! A huge thank you to everyone who voted for Harry's rhino. Once completed the rhino will join a display trail at Paignton Zoo until October after which it will come and live with us at Bowhill!

BOWHILL FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our Year 6 football team who won their match on Tuesday against Pinhoe on penalties. They will now have the opportunity to play at Exeter City's St James Park on 4 May. Well done!

Also congratulations to our Year 5 football team who played very well in their first competition together and came joint third.

BOWHILL RUNNING CLUB - GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Many congratulations to Sammie Lester, Melisa Wilson, Kim Hayes and Maria Field who have successfully completed LIRF training and will be leading our running club in the future. Our Running Club continues to be well supported by parents and now has sponsorship from Cartridges Law.

Running Club will be back on **Tuesday 12 April at 9.15 a.m.** outside the Dining Hall - please come along if you think you would be interested and have a chat with one of our leaders!

FUSION DANCE

Please note that Fusion Dance will start the week beginning Monday 25 April.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Please make a note of the forthcoming class assemblies in your diaries -

Class 5/1 Mr Smout	-	Friday 15 April
Class 3/4 Mr Brook	-	Friday 29 April
Class 3/4 Mrs Knapman/Mr Haggett	-	Friday 13 May
Class 3/4 Mr Roddy	-	Friday 27 May

MEALTIME ASSISTANT

If you are an enthusiastic and caring individual (male or female) and would be interested in joining our team of Mealtime Assistants please ask at the school office for further information and an application form or telephone 01392 206585. This position will require an enhanced DBS check and appointment will be subject to at least two references.



HEADLICE

Unfortunately headlice continue to be a problem, so can we please ask everyone to have a "nit busting" Easter by checking the hair of everyone in your household, including adults. If you do find any eggs or nits it is important that the whole household is treated at the same time. Daily combing and conditioning of everyone in your household is generally an effective way to combat this problem but occasionally more drastic remedies are needed! 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.

AND FINALLY ...

We have had a busy and successful Spring Term and have been particularly pleased with the positive response to our Maths with Parents' sessions which we will continue to develop. We have also enjoyed a visit from West End Theatre, had a great World Book Week and well supported Friday Feasts and Class Assemblies. There has been an absolutely amazing response to our Easter Raffle with 215 prizes donated - the most ever! So a huge thank you to everyone who donated a prize and bought raffle tickets and to our PTFA for organising another successful fundraiser for our school. Please keep checking the PTFA pages on our website for upcoming events and their blog!

Thank you very much for your ongoing support and all Bowhill staff wish you and the children a happy and restful Easter holiday.

Miss Caren Brooks
Headteacher

Don't forget to keep checking our website which we update with news, photos and links - www.bowhill.devon.sch.uk



A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNORS

Some of you may have seen recent news reports about all schools in England needing to become academies by 2022. As you know Bowhill and other local schools are currently part of a Co-Operative Trust and already work closely together sharing best practice in teaching and learning.

One of the many options open to schools who are considering becoming an academy voluntarily before 2022 is to form a " Multi Academy Trust" with other schools. This approach enables schools to convert to academies but with the support of a network of other local schools and whilst retaining independence. Whilst no firm plans have been made Bowhill staff and governors have been discussing what might be the best academisation option with other local schools.

When any decision is made regarding Bowhill and how it and neighbouring schools may choose to academise and to work together parents and carers will be informed.

If you have any questions or concerns about what becoming an academy could mean for Bowhill please leave your questions with the school office and the head teacher and governors will answer these via future newsletters.