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NEWSLETTER 9

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Dear Parents/Carers

There is a lot of information on today's newsletter - please take the time to read through it.

WORLD BOOK WEEK

We had a lot of fun celebrating World Book Week last week, with children (and some adults!) dressing up as their favourite book characters on Friday 3 March, and an exciting performance by West End in Schools Theatre Company of "Hercules", which everyone enjoyed. All the children will have also received a £1.00 Book Token.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Parents' evenings will be held the week commencing Monday 27 March and details will be sent out next week.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

2.50 p.m. on Friday 17 March - Class 3/4 Miss Bird
2.50 p.m. on Friday 24 March - Class 3/4 Mr Smout

START OF SUMMER TERM

Please remember that the Summer Term will start on **Tuesday 18 April** and that school will be closed on **Thursday 4 May** due to our school being used as a Polling Station.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are really pleased that Breakfast Club is used as much as it is. Historically Breakfast Club has opened at 7.45 a.m. but they are aware that some parents would appreciate an earlier start. To accommodate this, in future Breakfast Club doors will be open as soon as staff have the essentials ready, and at the latest by 7.40 a.m. We hope this helps some of our working families!

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers again! They are available to collect between now and 2nd May from Sainsburys. Please help us to collect as many as possible - we can order new PE and playtime equipment for school with them. There is a collection box by the School Office. Thank you!

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is starting to collect again in our lost property boxes around school. We do try and reunite children with items if they are named, but please come in and have a look through them if your child has lost a jumper, cardigan or even coat!

MOBILE PHONES

We recognise that mobile phones are part of everyday life for many children and that they can play an important role in helping pupils to feel safe and secure.

However, we also recognise that they can prove a distraction in school, therefore pupils are not permitted to use mobile phones in school or on trips. The phone must be handed in, switched off, to the teacher first thing in the morning and collected from them by the child at home time (the phone is left at the owner's own risk).

Should students wish to use their phone at the end of the day to contact parents with any concerns or for collection following school based activities they are asked to check with an adult and use the main reception area of the school where phones may be used during this time.

BUG CLUB TECHNICAL ISSUES

Some people are having trouble using Bug Club eBooks at home. For the best user experience you should be using www.activelearnprimary.co.uk to access Bug Club. When you do so, you'll be able to use Bug Club eBooks on iPad 2s, 3s or 4s and iPad Minis, with iOS 7.0 or above. You'll also be able to use it on the Samsung Galaxy Tab 3, 7.0 with Android 4.1 Jelly Bean or above, the Samsung Galaxy Tab 3, 10.1 with Android 4.2.2 Jelly Bean or above and the Google Nexus 7 and 10 with Android 4.4 Jelly Bean or above.

If you have an iPad it is recommended you use iPad's default Safari browser to access Bug Club. If you have an Android device, it is recommended you use the Google Chrome browser. If you use Bug Club on a laptop or desktop computer at home, it is recommended you use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox web browsers. If you prefer to use Internet Explorer, you will need at least IE10 in order for the content to work.

If Bug Club is still failing to work on your Android tablet try accessing it using the Puffin browser. This can be downloaded from the App store.

Finally, I know that some of our pupils were in the Riverside Leisure Centre when the recent fire was discovered. I have had reports back that Bowhill children were extremely sensible and well behaved during the evacuation of the Riverside - well done!

Have a good weekend,

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