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NEWSLETTER 10 31st March 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

IMPORTANT: SUMMER TERM INFORMATION

Can we remind parents that the Summer Term starts on **Tuesday 18 April** and that there will be a **non-pupil day on Thursday May 4th** as the school is being used as a polling station.

Fusion Dance

Please note that Fusion Dance will start the first week of term i.e Wednesday 19 April. There will be no dance classes the week beginning 1 May.

London Residential

There are some outstanding instalments which were due on 24 March. Please could payments be brought up to date at the beginning of the summer term. Full payment must be made by 5 May.

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.

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.

CURRICULUM NEWS

We have had a busy and successful Spring Term and have been particularly pleased with the positive response to our Maths with Parents' sessions. We have also continued to enhance our curriculum with visits this term to the Theatre Royal (Foundation Stage), and welcomed into school the ever-popular West End Theatre Company (whole school). We have also been visited by the Planetarium (years 3, 4 and 5), an alien spaceship - whose pilot was only rescued after some mathematical code cracking - as well as the Life Education Bus which is an excellent learning resource. The children always remember and talk about these events as memorable school experiences.

SUPPORT FOR BOWHILL

Enormous thanks to all the parents who have helped bring our sensory garden to life with funding from the PTFA for planting. All classes will have access to the garden during the taught day which has become a lovely space for learning. Our guinea pigs and tortoises are also enjoying the revived area! We have also had a great World Book Week with super costumes, well supported Friday Feasts, and Class Assemblies for years 3 and 4.

As always, there has been tremendous support for fundraising with the Olympian sports day raising

£1361 which has been spent entirely on sports equipment. £250 was raised for Comic Relief and, as always, an absolutely amazing response to our Easter Raffle with over 200 prizes donated! A huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored, donated, or 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!

SAFETY & WELLBEING

Parking

Please be aware of children's safety when dropping off and picking up from school. There have been several incidents lately with cars being parked on the corner which causes an obstruction for pedestrians and vehicles reversing into the main road which is equally dangerous.

Dogs on Site

Could we please remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time. Whilst we appreciate parents with dogs often combine walking their dogs when collecting their children could we please ask that dogs are kept well away from the entrance/exit gates, especially if they are being left tied up and unattended. Thank you

E-Safety

Parentinfo.org has been developed by CEOP and the internet parenting charity Parent Zone. Parentinfo provides up to date, expert information for parents on a range of concerns and you will find a collection of articles, tips, expert advice and resources, designed to help parents keep up with what their children are doing on-line.

Free NHS Health Checks for parents

We are working with Devon Doctors to provide a venue for free NHS health checks for eligible parents and grandparents. These will be held in school in May - look out for the information posters after the holiday.

However, this is currently how we are doing our IEPs as child-friendly parent-friendly documents which enable school and home to share information around what a child is finding difficult.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

The role of the Governing Body is to support the school strategically, rather than on a day to day practical level. However, from time to time, we feel we need to get involved more directly. It has come to our attention that some parents who have 'niggles' or comments about Bowhill have been communicating these via social networking sites. Should any parents or carers wish to make complaints, these should be made through official school channels, rather than by posting them online. Comments posted (even if made in 'private' groups), can easily be shared without the author's knowledge or consent and are open to being misinterpreted as well as having a potentially detrimental effect on the school.

AND FINALLY ...

Thank you very much for your ongoing support - 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



