

Dear Parents/Carers,

HALF TERM – MONDAY 29 MAY TO FRIDAY 2 JUNE

A reminder that half term is next week, Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June inclusive.

NEWS & UPDATES

SATS WEEKS

Our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils have been focussing on their SATs – well done to everyone concerned, you have all worked very hard.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

We are very pleased to say that we have recently appointed two new members to the teaching staff, Mrs Danielle Burnham, and Ms Charlotte Cole. As always, children and families will spend time with their next teacher at the end of the summer term.

RESIDENTIAL MEETINGS

London

There will be a meeting at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 7 June for parents of children who are attending the London Residential this year. The meeting will be held in Mrs Knapman's/Ms Cashmore's classroom.

Year 4 Dartmoor

There will be the opportunity for parents to discuss the Dartmoor Residential with Mr Burnard and Mrs Knapman between 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday 28 June in Mrs Knapman's classroom.

Year 3 Sleepover

An information meeting for parents regarding the Year 3 Sleepover will be held at 3.00 p.m. on Monday 12 June in Mr Roddy's room.

PTFA SUMMER FETE

Our annual Summer Fete is fast approaching (less than 4 weeks to go!) – please save the date – Friday 16 June from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. The event is a fun few hours which we hope all our school community will enjoy again this year. The hard-working PTFA are busy organising lots of stalls and new activities – keep your eyes out for their posters.

THANK YOUS!

SCHOOL DISCO

A big thank you to everyone who gave their time to help at the School Discos. Yet again the PTFA worked very hard to coordinate and manage very successful discos - and there was a great take-up. An amazing £469 was raised! We would also like to say well done to all the children who danced the evening away, behaving extremely well at each of the three discos.

GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT

Thank you to everyone who worked hard to clear the pond area which is now much more able to be used by teachers and classes. Hopefully, Foundation stage children will also have told you about the completion of the Mud kitchen! It is a lovely addition to the existing facilities available for outside learning and development.

HELPFUL REMINDERS

KIDZ BIZ

We are always grateful to the volunteer Kidz Biz committee who run the after school provision at Bowhill which is increasingly busy! Although this is on-site, it is independent of the school. Could we please remind parents and carers that we are unable to take bookings through our main office. Any sessions that are needed, including last minute and on-the-day places, should be booked direct with Kidz Biz on 07763 886488. Similarly, if there are any issues or queries that arise, please talk to Kidz Biz staff so that they are able to manage them, thank you.

GOVERNING BODY

A reminder from Ruth O'Neale, our Chair of Governors, that parents and carers can contact the Chair via the admin email address if they have queries or feedback. Following enquiries about an alteration to the timing of breakfast club, we have had some very positive feedback.

INTERNET SAFETY

Please can we ask you to monitor your child's activity on the Internet. With regards to social networking sites there are recommendations regarding the minimum age at which children should access these sites which, for example, for Facebook and Instagram is age 13. If you need any information about keeping your child safe online, are puzzled by parental controls, or would just like to know more about online gaming, there is a very useful website <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Please keep sending in your Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers – vouchers will need to be handed into school by 23 June. Thank you!

BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

If your child rides a bicycle to school please ensure that the brakes work correctly and that the bicycle is roadworthy. Also can we ask that the bike and scooter racks are cleared of bikes and scooters for the half term break, thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Footwear – children should be wearing sensible school shoes whilst in school.
- School jumpers with our school logo should be worn
- Black or grey trousers, shorts or skirts (no leggings) or blue check summer dresses
- Children with long hair should wear it tied up – plain hairbands please
- No nail varnish!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Below are dates for your diary, some you may already be aware of, some of which are new. Please read through carefully and make a note at home of anything which involves your child, such as Sports Day.

Have a good half term break

Miss Caren Brooks
Head teacher

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June - Half term
- Tuesday 6 June - KS1 (KR,SW,DW/CB) South Devon Railway
- Wednesday 7 June - London Residential - Meeting For Parents 5.30 p.m. in Mrs Knapman's/Ms Cashmore's class
- Thursday 8 June - KS1 (CL,KS) South Devon Railway
- Thursday 8 June - Year 3 Sleepover Parents Meeting 3.00 p.m. Mr Roddy's Room
- Monday 12 June - Year 6 – Life Skills
- Wednesday 14 June - Reception – World of Country Life
- Friday 16 June - Bowhill Summer Fete 5.00 – 7.00 p.m.
- Tuesday 20 June to Friday 23 June - London Residential
- Monday 26 June - Year 2 Parents Meeting 6.30 p.m.
- Wednesday 28 June - Year 4 Dartmoor Residential – Meeting for Parents 3.30 p.m.
Mrs Knapman's/Ms Cashmore's room
- Friday 30 June - Year 3 Sleepover
- Tuesday 4 July - Year 3/4 Sports Day
- Thursday 6 July - Transfer Day
- Monday 10 July to Friday 14 July - Dartmoor Residential
- Monday 10 July - Year 6 Performance 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.
- Tuesday 11 July - Year 6 Performance 2.00 p.m.
- Thursday 13 July - Year 1 Sports Day
- Friday 14 July - Year 2 Sports Day
- Tuesday 18 July - Year 6 Crealy Trip
- Wednesday 19 July - Year 5/6 Sports Day
- Friday 21 July - Last day of Summer Term

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

