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NEWSLETTER 5

7 November 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after half term – I hope you all had a good break.

#### **RECEPTION PARENTS – LITERACY MEETING**

A reminder that we will be holding a Literacy meeting for Reception parents and carers next Monday 10 November from 6.30 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to find out about the way their child will be learning in the Foundation Key Stage within Literacy.

#### **AS THE NIGHTS DRAW IN ....**

With the onset of colder (and wetter!) weather can we ask that parents please ensure their children bring a suitable coat (named) to wear outside every day.

Scooters – we have had several instances where children have taken home the wrong scooter due in part to several scooters being the same design. Please make your child's scooter easily identifiable - perhaps by naming them under the baseplate. We would also recommend the use of a lock which will ensure only you and/or your child can remove the scooter at the end of the day – remembering to take the lock home as well!

Can we please ask that scooters are taken home at the end of each day, and that none are left at school during the weekend. Several scooters have been left untouched in the shelter for a number of weeks now. If you know one of them belongs to your child please take it home. Any scooters which are still in the shelter at the end of November will be removed.

#### **SRI LANKA VISIT**

Mr Burnard and Mrs Ward had an enjoyable – and hard working – visit to our twinned school in Sri Lanka last week working with the children and teachers of Batheegama School in Dickwella. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs Kumari, a teacher from Batheegama School, who has spent the week with us here at Bowhill and we wish her a safe journey back to Sri Lanka.

#### **PRIDE OF EXETER AWARDS 2014**

We are delighted to have been nominated for the Pride of Exeter awards, in the Environmental Hero Award (under 18) category. This award recognises young people and the role they play in helping the environment, going the extra mile to improve their surroundings or highlighting green issues.

#### **CHRISTMAS IS COMING....**

I am very aware that the run up to Christmas is a costly time for families so as a staff we felt it would be helpful for you to know not only which events are coming up but also when requests for donations may be made.

Friends of Bowhill will send home raffle tickets for the Christmas Draw – this is always well supported and we hope that you are able to continue to support by buying raffle tickets again this year. They will also be asking for donations of items to go in the Christmas Hampers, which will be collected in each classroom. For those who are new to the school, each class collects items to produce a Christmas Hamper. These Hampers will be raffled during an assembly in the last week of term. Further details will be sent out shortly in the Friends of Bowhill Christmas Newsletter.

And for your children ..... we will be organising Christmas Parties as usual but these will be funded through the Friends of Bowhill.

#### **CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER**

For Children in Need day next Friday, we are asking the children to wear something spotty **with** their school uniform. We are raising money for this cause by selling homemade Pudsey Bear biscuits at 50p per biscuit (there will be one biscuit per child).

#### **NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL**

Currently we send out a small number of newsletters via email. If you would like to receive newsletters in the future via email rather than in paper form please complete the slip at the bottom of the page and return it to the school office. Also, if you have already opted to receive the newsletter this way, but haven't received it recently (they usually come home every two weeks or so) have you changed your email address? If so, please also complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to the school office.

**EXPRESS AND ECHO TOKENS**

Please keep collecting and sending in the Express and Echo tokens – many thanks.

**APPLICATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES – SEPTEMBER 2015**

If you have a child born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 your child is entitled to a full time place in Reception in September 2015 (after the normal period of induction). It is now the time to express a preference as to which school you would like them to attend. You should soon receive a letter from the Schools Admissions Team giving you information on how to apply. Alternatively, all admissions information, including the First Step Booklet, is available on the website [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline). If, however, you do not have access to the internet, a hard copy of the First Step Booklet can be obtained by telephoning the Education Helpline, My Devon, on 0845 155 1019 or an application form can be obtained from the school office. All applications must be submitted between 7 November 2014 and 15 January 2015.

The Choice Adviser Support Service is available to provide support and advice to parents about their child starting school. They can provide information about different schools, explain how parental preference works and help with form filling or on-line applications. If you require this support they can be contacted through the MyDevon education helpline on 0845 155 1019.

It is vital that applications are received on time as those received after 15 January 2015 will be regarded as late and, where schools are oversubscribed, will be disadvantaged so I am sure you can see the importance of applications being on time.

Have a good weekend,

Miss Caren Brooks  
Headteacher

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Monday 10 November 2014 - Literacy meeting – Reception Parents/Carers – 6.30 p.m.
- Friday 14 November 2014 - Children in Need day – wear something spotty with your uniform!
- Friday 21 November 2014 - Friday Feast – Year 3
- Wednesday 10 December 2014 - Reception Nativity – 2.30 p.m.
- Friday 12 December 2014 - Reception Nativity – 9.30 a.m.
- Tuesday 16 December 2014 - KS1 and KS2 Christingle Services
- Friday 19 December 2014 - Last day of Autumn Term
- Tuesday 6 January 2015 - First day of Spring Term



Please return to the School Office

**NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL**

Child's Name ..... Class .....

I would like to receive the school newsletter via email

Email : .....

I have asked to receive the school newsletter via email but have changed my email address

Old email ..... New email .....

Signed ..... Date .....