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NEWSLETTER 4

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Dear Parents/Carers

In the run up to Christmas there is a lot of information in this newsletter – please take the time to read it all the way through!

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

➤ **RECEPTION NATIVITY PERFORMANCE**

Reception classes will be holding their own Nativity service separately, to which parents are invited. Information has already been sent home regarding tickets.

**R1, R2 and R3 - Monday 5 December – 2.30 p.m. in the School Hall
6.30 p.m. in the School Hall**

R1, R2 and R3 - Tuesday 6 December – 9.30 a.m. in the School Hall

➤ **KS1 CHRISTINGLE PERFORMANCE at THE METHODIST CHURCH, COWICK STREET**

Wednesday 14 December classes will attend as follows:

10.00 a.m. - All Year One children

2.00 p.m. - All Year Two children

➤ **KS2 CHRISTINGLE PERFORMANCES at THE METHODIST CHURCH, COWICK STREET**

Tuesday 13 December classes will attend as follows:

10.00 a.m. - Mr Mawdsley, Mr Martin, Mrs Ward, Mrs Knapman/Ms Cashmore, Miss Bird

2.00 p.m. - Mr Brook, Ms Blatchford, Mr Smout, Mr Roddy

For both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 there will be two performances this year, one starting at 10.00 a.m. and the other starting at 2.00 p.m. As space is limited at the Church we would be grateful if you would ensure you only attend the service that your child's class is taking part in – please see above as to which classes are attending which service. Doors will be opened after the children are all seated.

For safety reasons, at the end of the afternoon performance, children will be walked back to school before being dismissed. **Please note there is no parking at the Church and that due to very limited space within the hall buggies are not allowed in the main body of the church, but may be left in the foyer if there is sufficient space.**

Also please note that no photographs/videos should be taken during any of the performances due to child protection issues. You will be able to take photographs at the end. A collection will be made at each service and the money will be shared between the St Thomas Methodist Church and the Children's Hospice.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER

Could you please complete and return the slip at the end of this letter to indicate whether or not your child would like a Christmas Lunch, whether you pay for school meals or your child is entitled to free school meals. This helps our kitchen staff have an idea of numbers and prepare in advance.

The price of the Christmas meal is £2.20 (for Key Stage 2 children only as Foundation/Key Stage 1 children receive universal infant free school meals) and a vegetarian option will be available. If your child regularly has a school dinner he or she can use their usual lunch tickets but still return the slip at the end of this letter please. Alternatively tickets can be purchased from the office.

AND CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Class Christmas Parties will be on the afternoon of Friday 16 December. This will be a non-uniform day and children may wear party clothes but please remember that it is winter and they play outdoors, so sensible clothes please.

FRIENDS OF BOWHILL – CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Please send in any donations for the Christmas hampers to class – all contributions will be very much appreciated. Also please return your raffle tickets as soon as possible. More raffle tickets are available from the office if you require them. The draw will take place on Thursday 15 December.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Today is Children in Need day and everyone looks great! Thank you for supporting this cause and a special thank you must go to our Kitchen staff who have again made a Pudsey biscuit for every child in school – that’s 468 biscuits! They looked – and tasted – great! We will let you know how much was raised in a later newsletter.

FOUNDATION/KS1 SHARINGS

Sharings for Foundation and KS1 will be during the week commencing Monday 12 December, as follows:

- Thursday 15 December – Reception classes at 9.00 a.m.
- Friday 16 December – KS1 classes at 9.00 a.m.

FRIDAY FEAST

A reminder that our next Friday Feast will be on Friday 25th November and it will be Miss Bird, Mrs Ward and Mrs Knapman/Ms Cashmore’s classes in Years 3/4. Please come along and support it.

COUGHS AND COLDS

At this time of year bugs and viruses can easily circulate. If your child has a cough or cold, or is running a temperature then please use your discretion to decide whether they would benefit from a day of rest at home. If you think they may have something more severe, such as whooping cough or influenza then a quick visit to your GP for advice or medicine may be in order.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PARENT SUPPORT ADVISER ...

Hello - my name is Jess Crabtree and I have started at Bowhill as the Parent Support Adviser and one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers. I will be working full time and my role is to support all our parents and carers in any way possible so just ask at the school office to book an appointment or drop into our coffee morning on Fridays at 9.15 a.m. in the canteen and say hello! Alternatively you can contact me directly at jcrabtree@bowhill.devon.sch.uk. I look forward to hearing from you and meeting you all very soon.

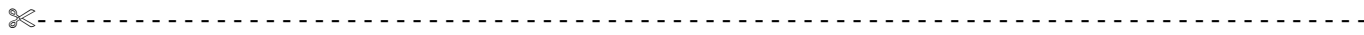
Have a good weekend

Miss Caren Brooks

A WORD FROM OUR GOVERNORS

PARENT VIEW

We would really like to encourage all parents to take part in the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire for the new 2016/17 academic year. We would like to know how we are doing and what we can do to improve our school. It doesn't take long and can be accessed at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please return to the Office

My child(ren) **would / would not*** like to have a Christmas Lunch on Thursday 15 December.

(*please delete as appropriate)

My child(ren) would like the vegetarian option.

Child(ren)'s Name(s)

Class(es)

