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NEWSLETTER 2

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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly this newsletter is slightly late due to last week's Ofsted visit and I would like to thank everyone for their supportive and positive comments via Parentview.

Adventure Playground

Can we please remind parents they must supervise their children if they are using the adventure playground equipment after school. There have been a couple of accidents on the adventure playground and we are becoming increasingly worried by the number of children who play on the equipment unsupervised after school has finished. Although we do not want to prohibit its use out of school hours, we may have to consider this course of action should any further accidents occur. Could we also remind parents that it should not be used in wet weather as this makes the equipment particularly slippery and dangerous.

Sale of second hand school uniform

One of our Year 3 parents, Mrs Oliver, will be running a second-hand uniform stall on Friday 17 October. This will be during the Coffee Time Café session in the morning and again during Year 6 Friday Feast in the afternoon. She would be glad of some parental help during these two sessions - if you would be interested please leave your name with the school office.

Breakfast Club and Kidz Biz

Becky Teague would like to remind parents that prior notice is required if your child needs a place at either Breakfast Club or Kidz Biz.

School Nurse Team

The School Nurse Team will be holding sessions here at Bowhill Primary School on the first Tuesday of each month. On these days from 9.00 a.m. until 9.45 a.m. they will be holding a "drop in" session where parents and carers can pop in for a chat. Alternatively parents and carers will have the opportunity to book an individual appointment with the School Nurse should they prefer.

Express and Echo Vouchers

Can we remind parents to keep collecting the vouchers from the Express and Echo - please ask friends and family as the winning school will be chosen on the number of vouchers per head, not the total number.

Extra Curricular Activities

Accompanying this newsletter is a list of the extra curricular activities which are available to the children during the Autumn Term.

Worthwhile Causes

This term is the busiest in terms of support for worthwhile causes and we would like to thank you for supporting Jeans for Genes Day which raised a total of £215, as well as our Harvest collection. Visitors from St. Petrocks have been into assembly today, so thank you for your donations.

Absence from school

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, would you please contact the School Office, either by telephone or in person by 9.30 a.m. on the first day of absence. If we do not hear from you we will try to contact you. This is so that we know your child is safe. If your child is absent for more than one day please keep us informed of their progress.

Long Hair

Children with long hair should wear it tied neatly back away from the face and nothing fancy should be worn in the hair - a plain hairband or "Alice" band are fine.

Jewellery

No jewellery should be worn apart from a simple wristwatch or stud earrings. These should be removed for PE/Games.

Mealtime Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Mealtime Assistant. If you are an enthusiastic and caring individual and would be interested in joining our team of Mealtime Assistants please ask at the school office for an application form. The vacancies are initially on a temporary basis - or as part of our relief team.

Fusion Dance Class - Years 3 to 6 - Wednesdays

There are still a couple of spaces left in the KS2 Fusion Dance class which is held on a Wednesday after school (3.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.). Please ask for further information from Mrs. Browning.

Espresso Education Pupil Home Access

For a number of years our teachers have been using Espresso Education, a digital resource that has been recognised as transforming the world of learning through its blend of visual media and interactive resources and setting the standard in the world of e-learning.

We have now subscribed to Espresso Education Pupil Home Access, allowing children to access the resource from home. We believe that this decision will prove to be an excellent way to engage pupils and create stronger school-to-home links with parents.

To get you started, we have set up a ready-made account. Children and their parents and carers can enjoy using Espresso from home together by clicking on the Espresso button on the school's website or going to <https://online.espresso.co.uk> and entering:

Pupil username: student10312

Pupil password: password

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Miss Caren Brooks

Headteacher



October Half Term Arsenal Soccer Schools in Exeter

Arsenal Soccer Schools will be running their Soccer School in Exeter at St James Secondary School on Wednesday 29th October 2014.

Full day (10.00am – 3.00pm) courses for children aged 7-12 years old just £15.00 or Half day courses for children aged 4-6 years old just £4.00. Children attending an Arsenal Soccer School can expect to receive structured and fun coaching sessions in the morning, followed by a cross bar challenge before lunch! Lunchtime entertainment from the Arsenal Soccer Schools team, followed by small sided games and a penalty shootout in the afternoon.

Each day focuses on the key skills of Arsenal FC's star players, with an emphasis on technical and tactical development. Children will be grouped based upon ages and ability to ensure all players are suitably challenged and engaged within the sessions. Children aged 4-6 years old will be classed as Mini Gunners, a course specifically designed for boys and girls, providing them with a fun introduction to Football while further developing key fundamental skills and Football techniques. Finally all attendees will receive a certificate of attendance and official Arsenal Soccer Schools gifts on the final day of the course. To book onto this fantastic course please visit www.playthearsenalway.com/southwest or call 01823 253773 between 9am – 2pm weekdays.

All Arsenal Soccer Schools coaches are CRB/DBS checked, fully FA qualified and licenced and hold relevant safeguarding and first aid qualifications. Arsenal Soccer Schools in Devon also run many weekly courses in the area, find these by visiting www.playthearsenalway.com/southwest. Finally the Arsenal coaches will also be keeping an eye out for talented players with a great attitude to attend their Development and Elite Training Centres in Exeter.