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NEWSLETTER 3

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Dear Parents/Carers

HALF TERM

Next week is half term and the children will return to school on **Monday 2 November**.

GREAT WEST RUN

Well done to all the Year 6 children who participated in the Great West Run last weekend – you all did tremendously well!

GARDENING MORNING – SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER

We will be holding another gardening morning on Saturday 7 November. We hope lots of families will come along to help us further improve our grounds before winter sets in. More information will be sent out at the start of the week commencing Monday 2 November.

RECEPTION LITERACY MEETING FOR PARENTS

The Literacy meeting for Reception parents held on Monday this week was very well attended – thank you and we hope you found it informative.

KS1 AND KS2 PARENTS EVENINGS

KS1 and KS2 parents evenings were well attended this week – thank you!

RECEPTION PARENTS EVENINGS

A reminder that these will be held during the week commencing Monday 2 November.

MATHS INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR PARENTS

Further to the successful Maths Information Meetings for parents of KS1 and KS2 children, the powerpoint presentations shown during those evenings are now available on our website.

In addition, our Calculation Policy, and how we do various calculations in Maths at school, is also available on our website – please have a look with your child and have a go at the Maths problems which are set on our blog!

PARENT VIEW

All parents who attended parents' evenings were encouraged to visit Parent View, and complete an online questionnaire. If you have ten minutes to spare, please follow the link from our website under "Parents and Carers" – we like to know how we are getting on and what we can do to improve our school!

GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Wanted! Are you a parent, carer or member of the local community? You may well be one of the three capable volunteers we're looking for to join our Governing Body. If you're positive about Bowhill Primary School, proud of the environment and teaching we provide to our children and interested in its on-going improvement, then you should definitely consider getting involved!

You would be of real help to us if you have financial, legal or personnel oriented experience in a management capacity. If you've got previous experience as a governor or trustee that would also be useful, but isn't necessary.

You'd need to be available on Tuesdays from 6 – 8pm for approximately 10 meetings per year, with other visits to school, meetings or training sessions at various times by arrangement. We're proud of the direction our school is heading in. Come and help us make this school a truly excellent place for our children to learn and grow. If you're interested, please contact the school office for further information.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you for all the donations for Harvest Festival which was very well supported. These were gratefully received by the St. Petrocks Centre who are always impressed with the amount which we donate – well done!

CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

Once again we will be supporting this fund raising event. This year we are asking everyone to wear something spotty, in addition to their school uniform. All classes will be collecting money to donate to Children in Need by buying homemade Pudsey Bear biscuits at breaktime at 50p per biscuit. The children will be allowed to eat their Pudsey Biscuit as their breaktime snack. Please note there will be one Pudsey Bear biscuit per child. A big thank you to our kitchen staff who will be baking the Pudsey biscuits again this year.

HEADLICE

Headlice continue to be an on-going issue. Please can we remind everyone to continue to “Bug Bust” over the half term by combing your family’s hair daily and ensure that we start the next half term “nit free”! Useful information can be found on the NHS website www.nhs.uk/conditions/Headlice/pages/Treatment.aspx

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have a small amount of good quality second hand school sweatshirts for sale – if you have any at home that you are able to donate, particularly age 7-8, please drop them into the school office. Please make sure it is clean and of saleable condition! Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

Too many items of clothing are turning up in lost property, including some lovely coats, which are not named. The lost property box is sorted through on a weekly basis, and named items are returned to their owners. However, we cannot identify the owner if an item is not named – so please ensure all items of clothing are named. Thank you!

Finally, it’s been a busy half term. Reception classes have settled in well and have a lovely new outside play area. Amongst the outings and activities we have held Maths meetings for KS1 and KS2 parents, both of which were well attended – thank you! M & M Theatre came in and performed The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed swimming sessions, Year 5 have visited Stover Country Park and Year 6 have visited Bygones in Torquay. The next half term will fly by no doubt – and a reminder of important dates during November and December are below.

Have a good half term,

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Week commencing 2 November	-	Parents Evening for Reception Children
Friday 6 November	-	Friday Feast – Years 3 & 4 (Mrs Price & Mr Brook classes)
Friday 13 November	-	Children in Need Day
Friday 20 November	-	Friday Feast – Reception
Monday 7 December	-	2.30 p.m. – Reception Nativity (School Hall)
Tuesday 8 December	-	9.30 a.m. – Reception Nativity (School Hall)
Tuesday 15 December	-	KS2 Christingle Performances (am and pm)
Wednesday 16 December	-	KS1 Christingle Performance (am)
Wednesday 16 December	-	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 December	-	Class Christmas Parties (pm)
		Last day of term