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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 31 October**.

STAFF CHANGES

At the end of last term we were sad to say goodbye to Mr Malcolm Browning, who had been Bowhill's Site Manager since our beginning and previous to that with John Stocker. Mr Browning had given many years' service to Bowhill Primary School and he will be missed. However, we are pleased to welcome Mr David Hier to our team and he started with us this week as our new Site Manager.

We also, sadly, said goodbye to Kate Williams, our Parent Support Adviser earlier this term. During her time with us Kate worked closely with both staff and parents and had a positive impact on many families. We are pleased to let you know that Jessica Crabtree will be our new Parent Support Adviser and will start with us on Thursday 3 November.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

You will have received proofs of your child's photographs recently taken. Please can we ask that any orders are returned to school by **Wednesday 2 November**. We will be unable to take any orders after this date, and parents will have to order direct from Fraser Portraits, and this may incur additional charges.

CHRISTINGLE ARRANGEMENTS

The dates for the Christingles have been confirmed and are as follows:

Tuesday 13 December - KS2 Christingle performances (morning and afternoon performances)

Wednesday 14 December - KS1 Christingle performances (morning and afternoon performances)

This will be the first year that Key Stage 1 will have performed both in the morning and afternoon. We are encouraging Year 1 parents to attend the morning performance and Year 2 parents to attend the afternoon performance. This is because there is limited space in the Church. However, if this is difficult for you, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Details of the Key Stage 2 performances will be sent home as soon as possible.

Christmas Dinner will now be on Thursday 15 December, therefore there will be a change to the menu on the last week of term and Fish Fingers/Quorn Veggie Sausages/Jacket Potato will be on Wednesday 14 December. The class Christmas Parties will be on the last day of term Friday 16 December.

VACANCY FOR A CLEANER

We have a vacancy for a cleaner. If you are interested please come in and speak with Mrs Browning, Senior Administrator or ask for an application form from the office. The closing date will be Friday 11 November.

RECEPTION LITERACY MEETING FOR PARENTS

The Literacy meeting for Reception parents held on Monday 3 October was very well attended - thank you and we hope you found it informative.

KS1 AND KS2 PARENTS EVENINGS

Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2 parents evenings were all well attended this week - thank you!

SCOOTERS AND BICYCLES

There are lots of bicycles and scooters being left overnight- or longer - so please ensure your child takes their scooter and/or bicycle home every night.

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

At the end of the school day, any children who are playing on the adventure playground are the responsibility of their parent/carer. The children know that they should not run whilst using the adventure playground.

PARENT VIEW

All parents are 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!

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 generosity of our families and staff - well done!

CORRIDORS IN THE MORNING

Can we please remind parents that you should be accessing the classrooms from the outside classroom doors, not through the corridors, in the morning. Thank you.

A REQUEST . . .

Do you have any old, good condition, clean fleece blankets or black out material at home? If you do and you are happy to donate them to school, we can make use of them. Please bring into the school office after half term.

Finally, it's been a busy half term. Reception classes have settled in well. Amongst the outings and activities we have held Maths meetings for KS2 parents, Literacy meetings for Reception parents, M & M Theatre came in and performed Alice in Wonderland, Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed swimming sessions, Year 5 and Year 6 have visited Bygones in Torquay. The next half term will fly by no doubt!

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