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NEWSLETTER 1

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year and welcome to any new pupils who have joined us. Also, everyone at Bowhill would like to wish a very warm welcome to the families of all our reception children, whether you are new to the school, or old friends! We hope you will settle well into school life with us. A very long newsletter follows - please take the time to read through it all!

School Gates

We are really pleased with our newly automated school gates which make our site even more secure. The pedestrian gate will be unlocked at 8.35 a.m. in the morning and locked again at 9.15 a.m. and then unlocked at 3.05 p.m. in the afternoon.

Free School Lunches

A reminder that ALL children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are now offered a school meal at no cost to parents. There is no need to come to the main office for tickets and the meal does not need to be booked in advance. The menu was sent home at the end of last term, but extra copies can be provided by the school office or can be seen on our school website.

Bug Club

We continue to invest in Bug Club for our early readers. If anybody has difficulties with online access or would like to do some extra reading with their child, the KS1 computer suite will be available every Wednesday after school. No need to book - just pop to the office.

Drop In Café

We are pleased to let you know that from next Friday, 19th September we will be running an informal morning coffee shop for parents and carers. We hope this will give any parents who have half an hour to spare the chance to chat and catch up. Year 6 pupils will be on hand to look after you! Our Parent Support Adviser, Kate Williams, will also be around. The Bowhill Coffee Cup will open between 9.00 a.m. and 9.45 a.m. - by the Adventure Playground, or if wet in the canteen - next week! Please pop along if you are able.

Foundation Classes Playground

Now that our Foundation Stage children have started with us can we remind parents of children in KS1 classes not to cut through the Foundation play area at the start and end of the day when heading to the classrooms. Thank you.

Dahlicious Dress Up Day

A letter has been sent home with KS2 children regarding our "Dahlicious Dress Up Day" which will be on Friday 26 September which gives ideas on costumes. Children in KS1 will be making things to wear for "Dahlicious Dress Up Day" in class. We hope as many of you as possible are able to take part.

Win £10,000 of play equipment with the Express and Echo

Our school has registered with the Express and Echo for the chance to win £10,000 of play equipment. Tokens will appear in the Express and Echo from 25 September to 24 November and we are asking as many parents as possible to collect the tokens and pass them in to the school office. Thank you!

Contact Details

Please inform the school office if you have any changes of contact details or address. It is really important that our contact details are up to date in case we need to get hold of you in an emergency.

Secondary School Transfer - September 2014

All parents of Year 6 children should have received a letter with information on how to apply for the secondary school transfer - you have until the 31 October to do this. Please note that West Exe School will be holding an Open Evening for prospective parents on **Monday 22 September**.

Vacancies for Parent Governor

There are at present three vacancies for Parent Governors. Governors are required to attend three meetings a term, which are held at school on Tuesdays at 6.00 p.m. and last for approximately an hour. If you are interested please contact the school office.

Jeans for Genes Day - Friday 19 September

We are raising money for this very worthwhile cause by allowing children to come to school on **Friday 19 September** wearing jeans, with their school sweatshirts. Parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution of 50p per child or £1.00 per family. All the money raised will go to various children's charities which aid research into different children's illnesses. (The children may wear trainers for this event.)

School Photographs

Please make a note that the school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 8 October**. Further details will follow.

Film Club

Film Club will be starting this term on **Thursday 18 September** and information will be sent home next week to the children involved.

Fusion Dance Classes (previously Sally Gray)

There are spaces available at the Wednesday Dance Classes for children in Years 3 to 6 and the Thursday Dance Classes for Years 1 and 2. If your child is interested please collect a letter from the school office.

Some dates for your diary

Jeans for Genes - Friday 19 September

Year 4 Friday Feast - Friday 3 October
School Photographs - Wednesday 8 October
Harvest Festival - Friday 10 October
Year 6 Friday Feast - Friday 17 October

Children In Need - Friday 14 November
Year 3 Friday Feast - Friday 21 November

Reception Nativity - week beginning 8 December - dates to be confirmed
Christingle - Tuesday 16 December

Finally we are pleased to say that Miss Edwards had a bonny baby girl during the summer break. Both mum and daughter are doing well.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Miss Caren Brooks
Headteacher