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NEWSLETTER 7

20 January 2010

Child's Name ..... Class .....

Dear Parents/Carers

**CHRISTINGLE COLLECTIONS**

The sum of £218.80 was collected at our two Christingle Services. Half has been donated to the St Thomas Methodist Church and the other half to the Children's Hospice.

A total of £276.23 was also collected in the Christingle Candles. This has been forwarded to The Children's Society.

Many thanks for your generosity.

**FRIENDS OF BOWHILL – CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

Again, another big thank you to everyone who donated items for the hampers and who bought draw tickets. The sum of £562.87 was raised.

**EARTHQUAKE DISASTER IN HAITI – NON UNIFORM DAY**

Following the earthquake in Haiti we are raising money for the disaster fund by asking children to come to school on **Friday 22 January** in non uniform. We are asking for a donation of 50p per child or £1.00 per family or if you feel able to give more then please do so.

**MR TONY ALLSOPP**

We are sorry to tell you that Mr Allsopp will be leaving us at the end of this term. He has decided to pursue a new career in the world of business. We shall miss Mr Allsopp as a cherished and valued member of our school family and know that you will join us in wishing him every success and happiness for the future.

**APPLICATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES**

The deadline for applications for primary school places for children born between 1 September 2005 and 31 August 2006 has been extended to this Friday, 22 January.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE**

In the event that we have to close the school e.g. in bad weather, information will be posted on our website – [www.bowhill.devon.sch.uk](http://www.bowhill.devon.sch.uk), and announcements will be made on Radio Devon and Heart Radio.

**YEARS 5 AND 6 RESIDENTIAL TO LONDON**

The closing date for applications for this trip has now passed and all children who have applied have been allocated a place. Could we please remind parents that the second instalment of £50.00 is due by Monday 1 February.

## **NAMING YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM**

We would be grateful if you could please ensure that you have marked your child's uniform with their name. Any lost or misplaced items can then be returned to their rightful owner.

## **FRIDAY FEASTS**

The dates for the Friday Feasts this term are:

Friday 5 February	Year 5
Friday 12 March	Year R

This is an opportunity for parents and carers to come along for a cup of tea and a chat with other parents. There will be colouring for pre-school children, a book stall and cakes for sale and any money raised will be given to the classes to spend.

## **CLASS ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY – CLASS 4/2**

Parents of children in Class 4/2 are welcome to attend their child's class assembly on Friday 12 February. Please arrive no later than 2.45 p.m.

It is absolutely wonderful to see so many family members coming to see our class assemblies throughout the year. The adults and children work REALLY hard to put on a lovely performance for everyone to enjoy. In order to make these occasions even more special, please would everyone remember to switch their mobile phones off during the assembly and to make sure that younger siblings watch quietly and without running around so that the performance can be clearly heard all over the hall. Thank you very much.

## **CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS**

The annual admission arrangements consultation in Devon is taking place at present and these are online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements). Parents are invited to review the proposed arrangements and to make any comments or suggestions which should be sent to Andrew Brent, Policy and Strategy Officer (Education).

## **COLLECTING .....**

We are continuing to collect:

- Box Tops for Education from boxes of Nestle cereals. With these tokens we can obtain free books for the school.
- Empty Hewlett Packard ink cartridges. These are being collected as part of the Tesco for Computers campaign where we can obtain equipment for the school. Boxes for the empty ink cartridges are situated at the main entrance and at the Foundation/KS1 entrance.
- Flora Cooking with Schools vouchers. Once again we are collecting tokens from packs of Flora to enable us to obtain free equipment for the school.
- Magazines, good quality CDs and paperback books to sell to raise funds for our Breakfast Club. These are on sale by the office.

## **NOROVIRUS OUTBREAK**

We have received advice from the Health Protection Agency regarding any suspected outbreaks of Norovirus infections. Their advice is that any affected children should be excluded from school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours. This will be our policy from now on for any outbreak of vomiting and diarrhoea.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bobby Sutton  
Headteacher