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NEWSLETTER 13

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are flying through the last half term of the year and there is still lots on!

SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports will be sent home next week. If your child is in Year 2 or Year 6, they will also be bringing SATS results home with them. Please be aware that SATS results sheets are produced centrally and school has no influence on how the information is provided to parents! We are extremely proud of the progress and achievements of all of our pupils.

LONDON RESIDENTIAL 2018

All the children, and adults, who attended the London Residential had a fabulous time! Thank you to all the staff who accompanied the children for the four day trip, with special thanks to Mr Burnard and Mrs Browning who organise the residential every year, and to Mr Brook who kept us all up to date with their experiences on a daily basis via the school twitter feed.

"BLAST FROM THE PAST" YEAR 6 PERFORMANCES - MONDAY 16 JULY AND TUESDAY 17 JULY

There are two Year 6 performances this year, both at 2.00 p.m. on Monday 16 July and Tuesday 17 July, in the school hall. Tickets are still available from the School Office.

STAFF IN SEPTEMBER

By now all the children will have had the opportunity to meet their teacher for September, and we were very pleased that all our new members of staff in KS1 and KS2 were able to be with us for transfer day on Thursday 5 July. In addition to the staff changes in the last newsletter, we are pleased to welcome Miss Amber Dopson and Mrs Michelle Pearce to the Bowhill team, who will be Reception teachers in September and Miss Sophie Leigh who has been appointed in KS1.

We will also welcome Mrs Lucy Presneill in September who joins our administrative team as Senior Administrator.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The summer term is always a busy one with several year groups enjoying trips out of school, along with the London and Dartmoor residentials. Trips are always costed to break even - as long as all contributions are received. Unfortunately not all contributions are received, which means the shortfall is paid for from the school budget. I'm sure you can all appreciate the numerous demands on a school's budget in the current climate. Every time a trip's income fails to cover all the costs - entrance fees and coach travel normally - then the school budget has to make up the shortfall - which means money is diverted from other things. In the future if sufficient contributions are not received there will be a possibility that trips will not run so, should your child be going on a trip, please make every effort to send in the requested amounts, thank you.

SCHOOL FETE

A huge congratulations to our hardworking PTFA for another successful Summer Fair! It was a terrific success, raising a fabulous £4,321. Some of this amount will be put towards improvements to the playground which all children can benefit from.

MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNORS

Would you like to know more about how the school is organised and how decisions are made? Bowhill's Governors Board is made up of volunteers from the community. Some of us are parents, some work in local services and businesses but we all give up time to help Bowhill grow and thrive. We need new members to join us so please can you consider if you can spare the time?

Meetings are held on a couple of Tuesday evenings every term between 6-7.30pm. New governors will get help and support from our existing governors and all can access a range of training courses (on everything from safeguarding, school finance, school data and on the primary curriculum).

For more general information about being a governor take a look at:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx>

If you think you might be interested in finding out more and joining us please contact our Chair of Governors Ruth via email: ro'neale@bowhill.devon.sch.uk. Ruth is happy to have a chat with anyone who might be interested in finding out more, you can also come along to a meeting to see what it is like and what governors do. The next round of meetings will begin in September. Please have a think over the summer holidays and get in touch!

Have a good weekend,

Miss Caren Brooks
Head teacher

Don't forget to keep checking our website which we update with news, photos and links - www.bowhill.devon.sch.uk

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 July	} Year 6 performances of "Blast from the Past" } 2.00 p.m. in the School Hall
Wednesday 18 July	Years 3/4 Sports Morning (timings approximately 9.15 am - 11.00 am)
Friday 20 July	Reception - Country Dancing at Bowhill followed by a Picnic at the West Exe Children's Centre
Monday 23 July	Year 6 Crealy Trip
Tuesday 24 July	Reception classes Sharings - 9.00 am Year 5/6 Sports Morning (timings approximately 9.15 am to 11.00 am)
Wednesday 25 July (Last day of term)	Years 1/2 classes Sharings - 9.00 am Non Uniform Day for the PTFA - suggested donation of 50p per child.

The Autumn Term starts on Wednesday 5 September 2018.