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NEWSLETTER 9

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Dear Parents/Carers

A slightly delayed newsletter due to the unexpected weather last week. I hope you all enjoyed this rare opportunity to play in the snow!

WORLD BOOK WEEK

We had a lot of fun celebrating World Book Week last week. World Book Week started with an exciting performance on Monday 26 February by West End in Schools Theatre Company of "Jungle Bungle", which everyone enjoyed. We rearranged dressing up as your favourite character, with children (and some adults!) coming to school as their favourite book characters today instead of Friday 2 March. Everyone looks great! The children will have also received a £1.00 Book Token.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Parents' evenings will be held the week commencing Monday 26 March and details will be sent home shortly.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

2.50 p.m. on Friday 16 March - Class 3/4 Miss Bird

FRIDAY FEAST

Friday 16 March - Mr Smout and Mr Roddy's classes

COLD WEATHER

During the continuing cold weather please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat to wear during playtime and lunchtime.

SCHOOL GATEWAY

Please take the time to read the letter overleaf and sign up to School Gateway as soon as possible. You can find a link on our website.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and be at school, on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. There is a clear link between good attendance in school and achievement in class.

Lateness can damage your child's education almost as much as absence and arrival after registration disrupts teaching routines and may affect the learning of other children in the classroom. We regularly monitor attendance and I would ask all parents to work with us to ensure your children benefit from full and punctual attendance.

ONLINE SAFETY

The internet has allowed access to a world of information and amazing opportunities which should be positive and fun. However, with the huge growth of online games and videos from channels such as Youtube, it's possible that children may come across things online which are inappropriate for their age and stage of development. If your children have access to videos such as Youtube, some suggestions to keep them safe from inappropriate content online are:

Use YouTube Kids Turn on Restricted Mode Limit the use of headphones Watch together

If your child plays games online, please monitor what they are playing -- if you are not sure, please check the age guidelines. Common sense media is an American site so not all their suggestions may be available but it is useful site which helps families find age-appropriate films, books, apps, TV shows, video games, websites, and music

<https://www.common sense media.org/reviews#>

Have a good weekend,

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*



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Dear Parents/Carers

School Gateway - online payments to school via instant bank transfer, credit or debit card.

I wrote to you all at the end of January, regarding the School Gateway service which offers the ability to make online payments via the School Gateway smartphone app or website.

To date 39% of parents have signed up – and thank you if you have. I am writing to ask for everyone to sign up to the School Gateway as, in the future, this will be our main way of sending home letters (no more lost letters in the bottom of rucksacks!), paying for school trips and breakfast club fees – so the more of our parents who are signed up the better.

What you need to do

Activate your School Gateway account. It is quick and easy to do. All you need are your email address and mobile number that school holds on record for you.

- **Download the app** – if you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your App Store (Andriod and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS it saves the school money when we send you a text message.

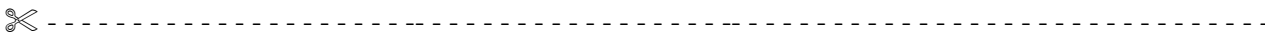
OR

- **Visit the website** – www.schoolgateway.com and click on “New User”. You will receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to log into School Gateway.

We know there have been some issues with parents not being able to access School Gateway. This is usually because we do not hold up to date information regarding mobile phones or, more often, email addresses. If you think this may be the case, please complete the slip below and pass it in to the school office and we will update your details.

We are hopeful that School Gateway will make it easier for parents to pay anytime – and I encourage you all to sign up as soon as possible.

Miss C Brooks
Headteacher



School Gateway

Child/ren’s name(s) Class(es)

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Parent’s name:

Email Address:

(Please write clearly and indicate any upper case letters)

Mobile Number: