

Newsletter 2

Wednesday 28th September 2022

Extra - Curricular Clubs

We are starting up our extra-curricular clubs for the autumn term for which I am very grateful for the staff in giving their time to offer these opportunities to the children. Our club list has been circulated detailing the range of clubs that are being offered. They will run over lunchtimes and for those after school, we need your permission for the children to attend (for collection purposes). Sometimes we may need to also hold waiting lists for if they are popular. South West Saints are also offering a range of before and after school clubs and you will please need to speak to them directly. Most clubs will start the week beginning from 26th September unless indicated otherwise.

Staffing Updates

South West Saints continue to support in the delivery of our PE curriculum. Mr. J Osborne is in school on Monday and Tuesday and Mr. G Pitman is with us from Wednesday to Friday.

A Sense of Community

Our PTFA is up and running and looking forward to another year of fund raising to help support our children at school. Please do have a look at their website [Friends of Bowhill PTFA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://pta-events.co.uk) The first Friday Feast is happening after school this week and the fortnightly coffee mornings have also started, where they will sell second hand uniform each week. We are always looking for new members and grateful for any time that you could spare at any of the events over this year.

Diary Dates

An overview of next year's term dates is available on the website in the parent's section. This may be subject to change. Events will also be notified here each fortnight for a month at a time.

SEPTEMBER		
26 th -7 th October	pms	Swimming for Rashford at Riverside- (6 lessons over 2 weeks – more details via Class Dojo)
OCTOBER		
10 th -21 st	pms	Swimming for Ormrod at Riverside - (6 lessons over 2 weeks – more details via Class Dojo)
12 th		Year 2/3 (Aspire Phase) Northcott Theatre- Author Visit
Thursday 13 th		PTFA- Bags to School Fundraising
Friday 14 th	4:30 pm onwards	PTFA Autumn Discos at school
18 th -21 st		Parent meetings in school (details to follow, booking online)
Monday 24 th October- Friday 28 th October 2022 Half Term		

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UFSM)

All children from Reception to Year 2 are in receipt of a universal infant free school meal if this is an option that you wish to take up. Your child may also attract funding called Pupil Premium when they enroll at school if you are in receipt of Universal Credit which is used to support your children at school in all aspects of their education, including a reduction on the cost of trips, school uniform or additional music lessons. Please apply through the Devon Citizens Portal [Citizen Portal - Sign in \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://citizenportal.devon.gov.uk) as it will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019

Responsibility by all

Secondary School Applications - Reminder for Year 6 Parents

The application window for Year 7 secondary school admission in 2023 is now open. Parents of Year 6 pupils should have recently received a letter from the Local Authority giving details about applications for secondary schools. It is important that all Year 6 parents make their applications either on-line or send a paper copy to the Admissions Team at Devon County Council by **31st October 2022**. It is important that the application is made on time so that parents can secure a place for their child at the secondary school of their choice. If you have any difficulties accessing this online, please ask school for assistance and we will happily support your application.

All the information you need, including a Step by Step guide is available on Devon's secondary school admission website via this link: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

Collection at the end of day: Please can we request that you come onto the school site only after 3:10pm. The school's gates will remain closed until this time as the children are using the playground space for their outside PE lessons. Please can you stand back slightly as well when your children come out with their classes so that the teachers can see you before children are released.

Lost property: Please can you encourage the children to take as much responsibility as possible for their own belongings and also ensure that everything is labelled. All classes have locations for jumpers and each child has their own peg. Anything named will always be returned to the children. The lost property box outside the main entrance is already filling up!

School dinners: We have placed a no credit facility on School Gateway. You will not be able to order a dinner via this system without sufficient funds so will be expected to provide your child with a packed lunch until any amounts owed are paid.

Open Mornings for Reception Intake September 2023:

Starting from Friday 30th September we will also be holding open mornings for parents of children for the Reception intake September 2023. Further details on the website: [Welcome to Bowhill Primary School | Open Mornings](#)

Bark Chippings

We've been asked by our school gardener if anyone has any bark chippings that they are not currently using and would be prepared to donate to school. Our gardening beds and inner courtyard areas are in need of topping up and we would be grateful to recycle anything that you may have!

Yours sincerely,

Jo Dentith
HEADTEACHER