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Newsletter 3

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A Sense of Community

Congratulations to Jocelyn and Harley who have recently been appointed to the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair of our school council. Ten Year 6 pupils in total stood in the election and presented their ideas in assembly to the whole school. Votes were cast by all members of the teaching staff and the Year 6 group. The school council representatives in the Achieve classes have been elected by their fellow classmates as follows; Rosie and Kevin in Attenborough; Beth and Jack in Asher-Smith; Eli and Alanah in Packham; Theo and Olivia in Benjamin; Henry and Brooke in Ormrod; Morgan in Johnson and Verity in Rashford.

All of the school council will be asked to represent our school at various occasions, show visitors around school and play a key role in representing the children's views across the school.

The first meeting took place this week and the children have decided on the charities that they would like support this year. These will be Children in Need (18th November 2022) - Pyjama day - children wear pyjamas to school with sensible shoes; in the Spring Term - Cancer Research - a sporting event; in the Summer Term - RD&E Starfish Appeal - Pirate Day - Dress up as a pirate day.

Thank you as well to the new crack team of Green Goblins who recycle our waste paper at school. At lunchtimes on a rota basis, they collect recycling bins from all rooms around the school each week, check it can be recycled, politely inform those that haven't quite managed to do this and then recycle into our main bins areas. It is really great to see the children so engaged with this initiative.

We have a litter patrol up and running and a team of eco-warriors who are helping to reduce wastage every day by switching off lights and computer screens needlessly left on. They are keeping staff on their toes as polite reminders are posted onto desks to switch off and helping us all to change our habits!

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.

OCTOBER		
10 th -21 st	pms	Swimming for Ormrod at Riverside - (6 lessons over 2 weeks – more details via Class Dojo)
12 th	am	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
17 th -21 st		Parent meetings in school (please book on School Cloud)
Monday 24th October- Friday 28th October 2022 Half Term		

Welfare Offer

At Bowhill Primary School we understand just how complicated family life can be. From time to time there may be situations where you need extra help and support. Our Welfare offer aims to support families and help manage their own lives whilst guiding them to seek support from appropriate sources. The Welfare offer is for all children as issues can arise at any point in a child's life. Please have a look at on the website for more details at this link: [Bowhill Welfare Offer](#)

Responsibility by all

Attendance We believe that in order for a pupil to fully benefit from their education, good attendance is crucial. It is the policy of our school to celebrate achievement and full attendance is a critical factor to a productive and successful school career.

As of September 2013, an amendment to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 came in to force and greater clarity was introduced to the issue of schools authorising absence requests. These changes reinforced the Government's view that every minute of every school day is vital and that pupils should only be granted authorised absences by the school in 'exceptional circumstances'. A family holiday is not normally considered by the Government to be an 'exceptional circumstance' and therefore will not be authorised by this school. Should a Penalty Notice be issued as a result of unauthorised absence then one notice will be issued to each parent/carer for each child involved. Currently, each Penalty Notice is for £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within the first 21 days. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid after 28 days, then court proceedings will be initiated. Further information can also be found on our website. [Welcome to Bowhill Primary School | Attendance](#)

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>

Open Mornings for Reception Intake September 2023:

Starting from Friday 30th September we are 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](#)

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER