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Community Aspiration Responsibility Environment

Newsletter 4

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A Sense of Community

Our School grounds

We have an amazing range of wildlife within our school grounds and are always looking to encourage more. The wildlife heaps have been very successful in providing habitat for minibeasts, amphibians and hedgehogs. Mr. Mawdsley's team of composters are recycling our fruit and vegetable waste and we have just signed up to be part of the Devon Wildlife Champions for another year. Our Aspire classes were busy last term making apple juice from the apples in our school grounds. Thank you for the donations of wood chips as we are updating all of our beds and we would happily accept any more! If you also have any bird or bat boxes that you are no longer using, we would happily recycle these into our school grounds.

Admission for Primary School Places for September 2023

Applications for primary school places for 2023/2024 are co-ordinated by the School Admissions Team at Devon County Council. Devon schools offer admission to primary school as a single offer point if the child was born between 01.09.2018 and 31.08.2019. Parents are encouraged to make their application online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline from 15th November 2022 to 15th January 2023. If you cannot apply online, you will be able to apply using a hard copy of the common application form. If you require a hard copy of the application form, please contact the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 from the 15th November. Please note that it will not be possible to make an application by email. The link to Devon County Council is

[Apply for a reception or year 3 place at a primary school \(devon.gov.uk\)](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

The deadline for primary school places for 2023/2024 is 15th January 2023 and unfortunately applying late could mean that your child does not get a place at your preferred school. The school's prospectus is online on the website and there is a video to give you a flavour of school. We have also added 'The Step by Step Guide' to normal round school admission for further information.

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

31.10.2022 – 4.11.2022	Year 6	Year 6 Residential Trip to Grenville House, Brixham
Wed 16 th		Year 4's Cross country – Barton Fields (KS2)
Thursday 17 th		Flu vaccinations (details have been sent out via SchoolComms)
14 th -18 th		Anti-bullying week
Friday 18th		Children-in-Need Pyjama Day!
Tues 22 nd	All day	Individual Photographs

Safeguarding - From time to time the school may need to make referrals to Children and Young People's Services

Help for Households

The Government has launched the '[Help for Households](#)' scheme. The homepage brings together over 40 support schemes that the public can access, depending on eligibility, including help with:

- Energy Bills
- Childcare costs
- Income support
- Transport costs
- Household costs

There is also a range of online tools which will help you quickly and efficiently check the support that you might be eligible for and how to access it.

Responsibility by all Dogs on Site

Please can we remind you that dogs are not allowed on the school site. We have clear signage that also now indicates this. We do have children who are nervous about dogs and it is also an issue when they are tied up outside the gates. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Healthy Fruit and Vegetable snacks

All the children in the Explore year groups are given a piece of free fruit or vegetable as part of the government's Fruit & Vegetable Scheme. As a school, we want to encourage the children to keep these healthy options going as they get older and after half term, we will be expecting all children to only have snacks that are in line with this, so please only a piece of fruit or vegetables. Whilst we appreciate there can be many variations on what is determined as healthy, we are going to try and keep this simple so encourage the children to stick to just fruit and vegetables. Dried fruit is acceptable but after our Sugar Swap assembly last term, when we encouraged the children to look at sugar content on packaging, we did consider the options of what could be also be swapped to reduce the amount of daily sugar that is considered healthy.

Lost Property/Second hand uniform

There is a huge amount of lost property after only 6 weeks back at school. Please can we ask that you check your child's uniform after every wash to ensure that it remains to be labelled and easily identifiable. Anything that has a child's name in it, will always be returned to its rightful owner. With the cost of living at the moment, we will recycle whatever we can and we are extremely grateful to our PTFA who are offering the purchase of second hand uniform every fortnight at their coffee mornings, to which anyone is invited.

Staffing

We welcome Mrs. Brazendale-Sweet who will be joining the Aspire team after half term as a teaching assistant. She will be providing support as Ms. L Saunders moves into an Assistant SENDCo role working with Ms. Eustace, our SENDCo over the next academic school year. There is now a new email address if you do wish to make contact with school about any additional needs for your child/ren at send@bowhill.devon.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER