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Community Aspiration Responsibility Environment

Newsletter 5

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Aspiration

We were incredibly proud of our Year 6 children who had a great week away at Grenville House in Brixham participating in a challenging outdoor adventurous programme. They took part in activities many hadn't tried before such as caving and coasteering and their attitude and resilience impressed us all. We have uploaded some pictures from the week onto the website.

Responsibility by all

Free Home Safety Visit and Smoke Alarm from Devon Fire Service

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service offer free home safety visits for all Devon residents. They will fit a smoke alarm if your property doesn't have one and offer lots of useful advice to keep you and your loved ones safe in case of a fire. One of their recommendations is to register your appliances at www.registermyappliance.org.uk which ensures that manufacturers can contact you if a safety repair is needed. You can register appliances bought in the last 12 years and update your details if you move.

The register my appliance link is: <https://www.registermyappliance.org.uk/>

Contact details for a Free Home Safety Visit are as follows: call 0800 05 02 999 or use the link to the online booking form at <https://www.dsfire.gov.uk/safety/home/book-home-safety-visit>

School Funding Crisis

You may have seen in the news that two thirds of schools will be in deficit by the end of this financial year. This is through no fault of their own. Costs are rising and funding is lower than it was a decade ago. The current funding increase and energy bill relief scheme will not be enough to prevent further cutbacks. This will greatly harm our education system and pupils. We have been asked to share and sign this petition to get this crisis debated in Parliament and would also be grateful if you are prepared to share this further as well <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/627130>

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER		
Wed 16 th		Year 4's Cross country – Barton Fields (KS2)
Thursday 17 th		Flu vaccinations
14 th -18 th		Anti-bullying week
Friday 18 th		Children-in-Need Pyjama Day!
Tues 22 nd	All day	Individual Photographs
DECEMBER		
Friday 2 nd		PTFA Christmas Fayre

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

School Photographs

These will be taking place on Tuesday 22nd November in school for individual children and in school sibling groups. Ordering details will be sent to you along with proofs and the closing date for ordering.

A Sense of Community

Healthy Fruit and Vegetable snacks

Thank you very much to everyone that has supported this and continues to do so.

Second hand books

With the PTFA holding their book sale soon, we are welcoming any book donations, particularly chapter books for some of our younger readers as we would happily divert these into the school library for our Accelerated Reader scheme. If you want to check books that you also have at home, please do use this website: <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

Anti-Bullying Week

This takes place this year from 14th to 18th November and we will be sharing messages this week in our whole school assemblies. This year, the theme for the week is 'Reach Out' – encouraging everyone to come together and reach out to others to stop bullying. In order to encourage pupils to reach out and unite against bullying, it's crucial that the school environment is safe and supportive for pupils. We feel that if a child feels safe and supported at school, it makes it easier for them to ask for help if they need it, and creates a sense of community among pupils and staff.

Please have a look at this toolkit, which is being shared for Anti-bullying Week. There are resources for pupils, which will get them thinking about how to support one another.

[Anti-Bullying Week 2022 toolkit : Mentally Healthy Schools](#)

Children in Need

We will be joining in Children in Need this year by having a non-uniform day this Friday 18th November, where for a donation towards this worthwhile charity, the children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school (but normal sensible footwear please!).

Christmas Arrangements

This year there will be Nativity performances for the Explore classes in the hall and carol services for the Aspire and Achieve classes on the top playground. Dates for these can be found here: [Bowhill-Diary-Dates-2022-2023-2.pdf](#) We are also planning to take all children from Aspire and Achieve classes to the pantomime at the Exeter Phoenix on 9th December. Please make payment for this visit via School Gateway.

A reminder that children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 *do not need to pay* for their Christmas Dinner as it is still part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme - but will still need to book it. Christmas Dinner is now timetabled for Wednesday 14th December.

Staffing

We welcome Sarah Ticehurst to our catering team and she will be working alongside all of our kitchen staff and is starting to get to know all of our children as she is serving their lunches.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Dentith
HEADTEACHER