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Community Aspiration Responsibility Environment

Newsletter 6

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A Sense of Community

The Rainbow Flag Award

Bowhill Primary School is working towards the Rainbow Flag Award. We are very proud to be only the second primary school in the South West to become involved with this award.

The Rainbow Flag Award is a national quality assurance framework for primary schools, secondary schools, SEND schools and colleges. The award focuses on positive LGBT+, (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, plus other related identities), inclusion and visibility. The Rainbow Flag Award encourages a whole organisation approach to LGBT+ inclusion, as well as developing strategies to effectively challenge and combat LGBT+ phobic bullying. These developments are very important to us as a school in order to improve the lives of all the children, families and staff we work with. We hope it will ensure that we continue to build a safe and welcoming environment for the whole of our community. Please follow this link to our website <https://bowhill.devon.sch.uk/rainbow-flag-award/>

As part of our commitment to our Equality and Diversity duty as well as our Relationship & Health Curriculum, we will be introducing what healthy relationships are and how different family units are made up. We are hoping to deliver a very considered approach for our children at an age-appropriate level. Please have a look at this link to our reading spine which is a bank of rich, diverse books that are representative of the community and world that we live in and ones which we intend to share with our children. [BPS-Reading-Spine-PDF.pdf \(bowhill.devon.sch.uk\)](#)

We are very keen for parents/carers to become involved with this exciting stage of the school's development. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the team, setting and working on the next steps with the school staff and children, please email rainbowflag@bowhill.devon.sch.uk

Please do get in touch, to contribute, offer support, your feedback or alternatively if you want to ask any questions or require support for yourself or family about our approach.

Diary Dates

DECEMBER		
Friday 2 nd		PTFA Christmas Fayre
Monday 5 th	6pm	Explore Nativity Performance (EYFS children)
Tuesday 6 th	9:30am	Explore Nativity Performance (EYFS children)
Wednesday 7 th	6pm	Explore Nativity Performances (Year 1 children)
Thursday 8 th	9:30am	Explore Nativity Performances (Year 1 children)
Friday 9 th	10:00am/1:00pm	Aspire/Achieve Christmas Panto Trip to the Exeter Phoenix
Monday 12 th	5pm	Achieve Carols by Candlelight at School (4/5 Classes)
Tuesday 13 th	5pm	Aspire Carols by Candlelight at School (2/3 Classes)
Wednesday 14 th	5pm	Achieve Carols by Candlelight at School (5/6 Classes)
Friday 16 th		Last day of the Autumn Term

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

School Photographs

If you would like to order photographs from Fraser Portraits and ensure free delivery to school, please can we ask that orders are made online by midnight on Friday 2nd December. If you order after this deadline you will still be able to order your photograph(s), but you will have to pay postage to have them delivered to your home address. You will not be able to place orders through the school office – you can only order online via the Fraser Portrait website as detailed on the proof. Thank you.

Responsibility by all Local Governing Body

We would like to pass on our thanks to Gemma Stuart who has recently resigned from her role as Chair of Governors. We would like to offer our thanks for the support that she has given to the school over the last two years since she was appointed, particularly during this challenging period as the school moved through Covid and a new leadership team. At our Local Governing Body meeting on 22.11.22, we were delighted to welcome Mrs. Lesley Sharp who will step into this new role as our new Chair of Governors as well as retaining her Safeguarding portfolio. We are also delighted to welcome 3 new governors – Mrs. Jenni Hamilton (co-opted governor), Prof. Susannah Cornwall (parent governor) and Mrs. Michelle Denman (support staff governor) who have now joined our local governing body. This link to the website identifies which portfolios the governors now hold as these have been slightly re-aligned to support our school development plan. [Portfolios-2022-2023.pdf \(bowhill.devon.sch.uk\)](#)

Attendance

At our Local Governing Body meeting, it was agreed to sign up to the Devon Attendance Charter, as we want to ensure all our children thrive in education settings every day. [Education-Attendance-Charter-October-2022.pdf \(bowhill.devon.sch.uk\)](#) Our overall current attendance is 94.8% and we would very much hope to improve this to reach the target of 97%. Please can we remind all parents that our registers close at 9:00am daily. A child arriving between 9:00am and 9:10am will be marked as late in the register. A child who arrives after 9:10am is marked 'U' as arrival after registration has closed. If you would like any other information about school attendance, please refer to this link on our website. [ELAT-Attendance-Policy-2021-2023.pdf \(bowhill.devon.sch.uk\)](#)

Do you have any views on the future of Exeter?

If so, you might be interested to learn that Exeter City Council have launched a consultation on the Exeter Plan, which will shape the future of the city through to 2040. They are keen to get the input of Exeter's residents, including young people! The Exeter Plan will be the blueprint for the evolution of the city over the next twenty years. It sets out where development should go, what it should look like and provides policies on key issues, such as health, which will be used for planning applications. The Exeter Plan and feedback questionnaire are available at <https://exeterplan.commonplace.is/>. The consultation is open for your comments until 19th December.

PTFA

The PTFA have worked their magic again with their latest fundraising effort, their second hand book sale and doughnut sale, raising a total of £284. Please can we also direct you to their website page for more details on how you can support and get involved. They are currently requesting support through an online shopping app. More details at this link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbowhill>. They are now busy planning for our Christmas Fayre which is the first time that it has been held in the last 3 years and we all look forward to seeing you all here this Friday after school.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Dentith
HEADTEACHER