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A Sense of Community

Many thanks to the PTFA who have purchased various items to help support the children with their curriculum learning and developing the environment at school. This has included our own apple press and crusher (so we can now make our own apple juice over a longer period of time) using the apples from the trees in our school garden. Over half term new scooter storage will be installed beside the bike shed. Please can children bring a lock however and be aware that it is not covered. One of our favourite things at school, our guinea pigs, now have new accommodation which they have taken to very well. We are also looking forward to the arrival of a weather station. Thank you to everyone who attended the Friday Feast last week. It is as popular as ever and we are aware how quickly they sold out.

Please can I pass on my thanks to Mrs. Howell, our guinea-pig whisperer. Twice a week at lunchtimes she hosts the 'Always' club for a class each week. Teachers select children to go and visit the guinea pigs for a cuddle and these are the children who always make the right decisions at school.

Year 6 Residential 2023 to Grenville House, Brixham (for children currently in Year 5)

We are excited again to be offering the Year 6 Residential trip to Grenville House from November 6th - 10th 2023 for children who will be in Year 6 in 2023-2024 (so our existing Year 5 children) as part of our adventurous outdoor learning programme. This will build on the learning that they undertook when they were in Year 4 and gives them the opportunity to build their independence and resilience as well as hopefully try new learning experiences. We would like to invite you into a meeting on Tuesday 28th February at 3.30 p.m. in one of the Year 6 classrooms to share some of the photographs from the last trip as well as the opportunity for you and your children to ask any further questions.

Rainbow Flag

Congratulations to the Rainbow team as we have achieved the first section of this award for 'Supportive Governors and Parents'. This is reflective of the positive learning environment supported by the governors, the information that has been shared with parents about this and the positive resources that are being implemented.

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY		
Friday 10 th		PTFA Discos at school
6 th 8 th 10 th 20 th 22 nd and 24 th February	Afternoons	Swimming for Benjamin at Riverside (6 lessons over 2 weeks – more details via Class Dojo)
Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023- Half Term Break		
Wed 22 nd - Fri 24 th		Year 5 STEM Residential Trip to Bristol

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World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March 2023

After half term, at the beginning of March, we are busy planning for World Book Day. The children are welcome to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. We will have a collapsed curriculum day so everything will be focused on reading. We are going to be participating in live performances (via a crowd cast link) with two children's authors and book tokens will be coming your way soon.

Aspiration to Excellence

We are proud of all of the learning this term. Below is a selection of photographs of some of the things the children have been up to!



Staffing

With this being an incredibly difficult decision, for personal reasons, I will be leaving the school at the end of this academic school year. I would like to reassure you that I will continue to give 100% to the school and ensure that there is as smooth a handover as possible for this very lovely school, the great staff that work here as well as the delightful children who come to school with smiles on their faces every day, to whomever my successor will be.

Sadly, Mrs. Rowe will also be leaving the school in June as we pass on our congratulations to her as she has secured her first headship at St Sidwells Primary School in Exeter. I am very grateful for the significant contribution she has made to the school in the time that she has been at Bowhill and she will be missed by everyone.

We hope you all have a good break over half term

Yours sincerely,

Jo Dentith
HEADTEACHER

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