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Newsletter 13

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From Bowhill PTFA

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Pop Up Sale this week – we raised a brilliant £186.25! We definitely chose the right day for the weather and the doughnuts sold out – apologies to anyone who didn't manage to get one, it is really hard to decide how many to order (perhaps you could use the ££s for extra raffle tickets?). Thanks as always to the amazing Bowhill community for supporting our events.

A Sense of Community

This term we are fundraising for the RD&E hospital by holding a 'dress as a pirate day'. On **Friday 31st March**, for a donation of £1, the children can come to school dressed up as pirates for the day.

All money raised will go to the Starfish Appeal which aims to create a dedicated warm, bright and engaging space for children, young people and families within the hospital, including in the outpatient and newly planned children's emergency department. You can read about their plans in more detail on the Starfish Appeal website [Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Trust \(rdehospital.nhs.uk\)](http://Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Trust (rdehospital.nhs.uk))

We have a fundraising page set up through which you can make donations or alternatively you can bring in doubloons the day. <https://rdecharity.enthuse.com/cf/starfish-appeal>

Yo Ho Ho - Miss Moon and The Bowhill School Council

Residential trips

We have a number of residential trips coming up so please do keep an eye on School Gateway as deposits are being requested to secure places. Also watch out for letters coming from your class teachers.

- Year 3: Sleeping with the Sharks Overnight Experience - **Thursday 8th June 2023**
- Year 4: Dartmoor Residential - Details still to be confirmed (aiming for July 2023)
- Year 6: (for our existing Year 5's) Grenville House - **6th November to 10th November 2023**

Diary Dates

MARCH		
Wed 29 th	3:30pm	All Explore classes visit to Paignton Zoo Achieve Meet and Greets with class teachers PTFA Easter Egg Raffle
Thurs 30 th	3:30pm	Explore (Year 1 children) Meet and Greets with class teachers
Friday 31 st		Last day of Spring Term 2023 – Pirate Day! (details at end)
Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April 2023- Easter Holidays		
APRIL		
Monday 17 th		Summer Term 2023 – all children start
Friday 28 th		PTFA- Bags to School Fundraising

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

Aspiration to Excellence

For children in Years 1 to 6, your child's annual school report will be sent home with your child on the last day of term detailing THE progress and attainment that they have achieved so far this year as well as targets for them to work towards for the rest of the academic school year. Reception children will receive their end of year reports in July.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2023

This is going ahead for 4 days at Easter, 16 days in the Summer and 4 days at Christmas, for 4 hours a day including a nutritious meal. If you are eligible, you will have already had a code sent through to you in an email from school to enable you to book a place with the HAF provider. Here is the link to the website for further information [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) programme – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/holiday-activities-and-food-programme)

Cleaner Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a school cleaner for 15 hours a week from 3:30-6:30pm daily. If you are interested in this role or know of anyone else that might be, please find more information on our school website: <https://bowhill.devon.sch.uk/vacancies/>

Coronation Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May 2023

We will be celebrating King Charles III's Coronation with a whole school tea party on Friday 5th May and the PTFA will be supporting with this. Please note that school will be closed on Monday 8th May 2023 which has been designated a Bank Holiday in recognition of this historic event. The PTFA are also starting up production for coronation tea towels for each year group across the school – details to follow.

Advance warning: Local Election Day – Thursday 4th May 2023

We will not be closing the school for the local election day on Thursday 4th May. However voting will be taking place on site. We have liaised with Exeter City Council who will be using the meeting room that we have at the front of the school. Fencing and barriers will be in place to allow members of the public to use the school site up the school driveway only. Access to the driveway and the meeting room will also be directly supervised by Exeter City Council staff as part of this process.

PTFA Coronation Tea Towels

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III the PTFA are producing fundraising tea towels incorporating the children's drawings. The tea towels will be priced at £6.00 each (or £5.00 if you buy two or more). You will be able to pre-order a tea towel by visiting the PTFA on-line shop which can be found here: <https://bowhillptfa.my-online.store/> (there will be small transaction fee) or alternatively there will be instructions on how to pay by cash when further information is sent home shortly.

I hope everyone has the chance to have a good Easter break and is able to come back to school refreshed for a fun-filled, packed, busy and vibrant summer term!



Yours sincerely,

Jo Dentith

HEADTEACHER

