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Wednesday 14th June 2023

School Trips

Over this half term, our children are taking part in some great school trips. Last week, our Year 3 children experienced visiting Plymouth and sleeping overnight at the Plymouth Aquarium. The weather was definitely on their side this year during the boat trip around Plymouth Sound and they had a brilliant time in the Aquarium seeing all of the sea life. Our Year 2's will visit Dawlish Warren Nature Reserve this week. The Year 6 children are also currently training to take place in the Exe Valley Challenge on 9th July, as well as prepare for a production called "Robin Hood and the Hoodies of Sherwood".



Many more pictures will be on the class Dojo pages! Please take a look.

I would like to thank the staff in advance for the time and commitment they give in the preparation of these trips for the children. We are grateful for the opportunities they give to our children.

Also many thanks to our wonderful PTFA who are making donations to almost every trip in an attempt to keep these affordable for all.

Class Photos

These were taken yesterday by Mrs. Bates and will be available to order shortly at a very reasonable price of £5.00 via School Gateway. All of the money raised goes directly to school. Further information will be sent home soon on how to purchase.

Diary Dates

JUNE		
Wednesday 14 th		Dawlish Warren Year 2 Trip for Bonetta, Brunel & Seacole
Thursday 15 th		Dawlish Warren Year 2 Trip for Stocker and Shaftesbury
Friday 16 th	9:00am-10:00am 3:30pm	PTFA Coffee morning and second hand uniform sale Year 6 Friday Feast (canteen)
Tuesday 20 th	2:30pm	West Exe to visit school to meet with Year 6 parents (school hall)
Wednesday 21 st	6pm	New parents meeting (School hall) Reception 2023
Friday 23 rd	5pm-7pm	PTFA Summer Fete
Monday 26 th	In school hours	Explore (Year 1 children) Sports morning (moved from Thursday 29 th June)
Tuesday 27 th	In school hours	Year 5/6 Sports Morning at West Exe
Wednesday 28 th	In school hours	Explore (Reception children) Sports morning

A Sense of Community

Summer Martial Arts Workshop

Please find below a link to our website for the above which is being run by Devon Martial Arts in Exeter. This club already offers extra-curricular opportunities to a number of our children each week at Bowhill. After the success of their Easter event, they will be running a Summer holiday workshop. Their website for any further information is www.devonmartialarts.co.uk and link to our website: Devon-Martial-Arts.pdf (bowhill.devon.sch.uk)

Responsibility by all

Nut Free Environment

Can we please remind all parents/carers that we are a nut-free school, and that any foods containing nuts should not be included in packed lunches or brought as a snack. Thank you.

Lost property

There has been a huge increase in the amount of lost property that we have been unable to return to children as it has not been named. Please can we ask that every item is named and that after a wash you do check the labels as names are not always clearly identifiable.

Childhood Vaccinations

Starting or returning to school is an exciting time for all children. As they will be mixing with lots of other children, making sure they are up to date with their routine immunisations gives them the best protection from what can be very harmful infections. A list of the vaccinations your child should have had, by age, is available via this link [NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS (www.nhs.uk))

If you are not sure if your child has had all of their vaccinations, please check their personal health record (the red book) and if you have any questions, contact your child's doctor's surgery.

If you have any concerns about vaccinations, you may wish to read about the benefits of vaccination and possible risks to your child if they were to catch these diseases. Helpful information is available from the NHS online:

[Why vaccination is safe and important - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://Why vaccination is safe and important - NHS (www.nhs.uk))

[NHS video \(on youtube\) about vaccinating your child](http://NHS video (on youtube) about vaccinating your child)

[Vaccination tips for parents - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://Vaccination tips for parents - NHS (www.nhs.uk))

Devon SEND News: New DIAS guide to SEN support in schools

Devon Information Advice and Support (DIAS) have brought lots of information together in a new booklet to help support parents with a guide to what SEN support is possible in Devon Schools. This can be accessed as this link: Learn more and download the booklet on the DIAS website.

Free School Meals

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for a **Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM)**. When your child transfers to Key Stage 2 (so Year 3) they no longer continue to be entitled to a free school meal under this scheme. To see if you would qualify for free school meals and wish to apply, please go through the Devon Citizens Portal or alternatively call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019. Decisions are usually made very quickly. Further information can also be found on our school website at this link: Welcome to Bowhill Primary School | School Meals

Yours sincerely,

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