

Monday 15th January 2024

Happy New Year to those of you who I haven't managed to say hello to since the beginning of term! The children and staff have come back full of energy and are already in the swing of what is always a crucial term for learning and progress. We have a very busy term ahead and we are currently in consultation with staff about our 'reporting to parents' systems so we will be in touch about this as soon as we can.

In the meantime, teachers are available for quick chats before and after school and if you require a longer conversation please let the office know and they will organise a suitable time for you.

Anna Lopez
Headteacher

Key dates:

Thursday 18 January – 2.45 pm Bristol Residential – Parents meeting in the hall

Monday 22 January – Reception and Year 6 – Height and Weight check.

Half Term – Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February inclusive

Reminders from the office:

The school nursing team will be in school on Monday 22nd January to carry out height and weight checks on pupils in Reception and Year 6 – unless you chose to opt out.

PTFA – Bags2School collection. A collection has been arranged for Wednesday 31st January. Please drop your bags into the school reception area before this date. More information on this can be found on the Friends of Bowhill Primary School Facebook page.

Other things to know:

After numerous meetings, conversations and emails I have taken the difficult decision to close the school on Thursday 2nd May this year so it can be used as a polling station. I have exhausted all possibilities in how to ensure the children's safety if we stay open but after reviewing last year I cannot do this with confidence. We will move to online learning for this day as we did on the day of the storm. Huge apologies for the disruption this may cause.

Having now completed consultation, our new relational policy is now in place – please ask your children about this and see if they can tell you our three school rules: Be Ready. Be Respectful. Be Safe.

Safeguarding:

At school, starting in reception, we teach children about staying safe with the PANTS rule. They learn about having the right to say 'no' and if they need to talk then we will listen.

Please take a look at the NSPCC website with your child and watch the well-known Pantasaurus song!

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>