

Friday 9th February 2024

What a busy half term we have had at school! We have had a netball tournament (Bowhill came 3rd – well done team!), our mental health ambassadors have started their very important work, swimming has continued to be a great success and today we have a planetarium set up in the hall! We have also started a new maths and geography curriculum which has been a great success and a new history curriculum will begin after half term – it's certainly exciting times!

Thank you again for the positivity on the gate every day and I wish you all a restful and fun-filled half-term with your families and friends.

Anna Lopez
Headteacher

Key dates:

Half Term – Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February inclusive

Parents Evenings – Week commencing Monday 18 March 2024 – information on how to book online will be sent home after half term.

Year 5 residential – Wednesday 28th February to Friday 1st March

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

PTFA quiz night – Friday 15th March

Last day of spring term – Friday 29th March

Reminders from the office:

World Book Day – we will be celebrating World Book day during the week commencing Monday 4th March, including sending book tokens home with the children and on World Book day itself by dressing up as a favourite book character – or in PJ's ready for bedtime reading! More information about this exciting day will be given closer to the time

Vacancies – we currently have vacancies for mealtime assistants and cleaning staff – please see the link below or ask at the school office if you are interested in joining our friendly team.

<https://bowhill.devon.sch.uk/vacancies/>

Other things to know:

Our hard-working PTFA are helping me to organise a 'site spruce-up' day where we will be asking for your help! Our plan is that on Saturday 27th April we get as many parents as possible to come on site and support us in a mid-year tidy. Please watch this space to sign up if you are able – the more the merrier!

While the weather is still so cold and wet we have altered our whole school reward system...so instead of welly Wednesday we will now have Fabulous Friday! This will involve 2 children per class having a special tea party on a Friday afternoon with squash and cake! These children will be chosen for a range of reasons – from being a good friend to showing super learning behaviours – it'll be great fun!

Survey feedback:

Thank you to all those who filled in the parental questionnaire I sent out in January. The feedback has been really useful – and I will be sharing it in more detail shortly.

One theme which came up regularly was how we communicate with parents about what your children are learning. We are going to try and improve upon this by holding more regular open classroom events and sending home learning maps at the beginning of each half term.

Please remember that you can always pass on quick messages to teachers at the beginning and end of the day as well as through dojo.