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Welcome ...

... to the latest edition of the Bow Times. There have been lots of different things happening over the last few weeks in school – so take a look at what the children have been up to.

Term Time Holiday Requests ...

From September 2019, school has a duty to REFER all unauthorised holiday requests or series of unauthorised medical absences to the local authority.

Holidays that are not EXCEPTIONAL, will be unauthorised. An unauthorised absence is reported as part of the local authority policy and part of the school's attendance policy: <http://www.bowcps.devon.sch.uk/website/policies/174887>

I must take this opportunity to remind you, that should you choose to take your child out of school without the authorisation of the school, then Parental Responsibility Measures could be instigated. This could mean receiving any of the following;

1. A Penalty Notice (assuming one has not been issued in the past 2 years)
2. A summons to the Magistrate Court which could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months.

Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Fair ...

Members of FOBS are working extremely hard at the moment, getting as much preparation done as possible. Don't forget the school Christmas Fair will be on Friday 29th November at 3.45pm. Thank you.

Armistice Day ...

On Monday 11th November, the pupils attended an assembly that covered Armistice Day. Lots of the older children remembered the significance of the 11th November and could tell me that we remembered, at 11am, people who had given their lives. We talked about how the conflicts of the First World War ended at 11.00am on land, sea and air, as well as remembering all those people who have lost their lives in many conflicts since then. The children were extremely good and sat through a very respectful 2-minutes silence at 11.00am.

During the preceding week, pupils in Stags class went around the different classes with poppies and a variety of different items, raising money for the British Legion.

WANTED! Governors ...

Although we are a Community School, we have a sitting Headteacher and the school budget is in balance (the lack of these are reasons why small schools are made to join Academies or Federations), we are very vulnerable at the moment. Why is this? We are short of TWO community governors.

This means that the overall Leadership and Management of the school (the overarching responsibility of which lies with the Governing Body), is not working at full capacity. In this case, the Local Authority could insist that the school joins with another school, because we are not up to full strength regarding our number of governors. This is not something that we would want to happen to our lovely school.

So, if you know anyone who you think would be a great asset to the school, ask them to help us. We need people able to give their time to come in and meet with children and staff, be prepared to give their time to policy review and attend governance meetings (four per term). Please do encourage anyone who might help us to contact the school. We would love to hear from them. Thank You.

School Meals ...

You are now able to book your child's school meal, via the School Gateway, up to 8.30am on the same morning. You can still pre-book their lunches as well. Please take the time to look at the menu options and choose your child's school meal options.

Children in Need ...

On Friday 15th November, the school joined in with the rest of the nation raising money for Children in Need. Children came in covered in spots and donated money for the cause. We have had some late donations and have actually raised £116.

Author Visit ...

On Wednesday 20th November, Sue Mongredien came to visit Otters and Hares. She told the children how she comes up with her story ideas and even created a story with the children's help. Sue then read some extracts from two of her books and then signed some copies for the children.



Sketching Day ...

On Monday 18th November, the whole school took part in a sketching day. Each class took part in different activities from leaf rubbing to still life drawing. Several children remarked "This is the best day ever!" Here is some of the art work the children produced.



Learning Leaves...

Week ending Friday 22nd November

Learning leaves were awarded to Isabella, Jacob, George, Lennon, Ellie, Aria, Henry, Skye, Jack and Kieran.



Beano Award ...

Week ending Friday 22nd November

This week, the Beano Award goes to Aria who has been working so hard and doing so well. Well done Aria.



And Finally ...

Pupils across the school have had their photos taken by our Tempest photographer, who comes into school twice a year. It is lovely to see how much the children were smiling in their photos and as I watched them, I couldn't help but think how much many of them had grown since arriving back in September. As they sometimes 'grow like weeds', please remember to put their names into items of clothing.

Lesley Hodgson