

Bow Community Primary School
The Bow Times

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Welcome ...

... to the second edition of this term's Bow times. The term is now in full swing and there is a lovely buzz around the school. I have well and truly settled into the community and am thoroughly enjoying being part of the team. Thank you to all, who have made my first few weeks a very positive one indeed!!

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.

Attendance ...

Seasonal illness has been quite prevalent, since the beginning of term. Several children have, unfortunately, been quite poorly. I would like to take the opportunity to reiterate that in the case of vomiting and diarrhoea, parents are reminded that children should remain absent from school, for 48 hours after their last episode. This is to ensure that we minimize the spread of germs. We are also encouraging the children to wash their hands after comfort breaks, so that the risk of contracting any flu-like virus is reduced.

In the event of any absence, may I ask that parents remember to contact school and let us know. You may wish to do so via email, or prefer to telephone the school directly. If the telephone is engaged, please leave a message on the answerphone. I'd like to thank you in advance for your help in this regard.

Learn, Share, Enjoy awards ...

Our Learn, Share and Enjoy vision now has a prominent place in our Learning Leave's Assembly and has quickly become a valued part of celebrating achievements in school. Each week, the children eagerly look forward to this and are proud of one another.

Dates ...

LOVE IS IN THE AIR ❤️

In addition to the previously published dates, families of Bow are reminded of the up-and-coming FOBS' Valentine Disco, which will take place on the evening of Friday 14th February. Children are asked to arrive for 6.00pm, when they can boogie on down until 7.30pm. KS1 children must be accompanied by an adult; KS2 children are required to complete a permission slip. There is an admission price of £1.50 for the first sibling; and a further £1.00 each for any other siblings, thereafter.

Otters Theatre Workshop ...

On Tuesday 21st January, Otters took part in a traditional tales' workshop that covered different parts of storytelling such as settings, characters thoughts and feelings. The children explored traditional tales such as Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Three Little Pigs. The children had a fantastic time and learned a lot.



Stags Circus Workshop ...

On Wednesday 22nd January, Stags were fortunate enough to have Alan, from Splats Entertainment, work with them for the day. Alan taught the children many different skills including juggling, feather balancing and plate spinning throughout the day before they put on a circus assembly for their parents.

"Alan made the impossible possible for me and I'm pleased by that," said Luke.

"I liked that our teacher got juggled over with knives!" said Kobi.

"My favourite was when Mr Johnston was lying down and Alan was juggling knives over him. At least there were no accidents, except me falling over in acts about 20 times, but let's forget about that!" said Stevie.

"I think Alan inspired us to not give up," said Taylor.

"We all thought that it was extremely fun and I would love to do it again!" said Ellie.

"I really hope he could come back in the future!" said Tomasz.



Swimming Gala ...

On Wednesday 29th January, some children from Stags took part in The Crediton Learning Community Swimming Gala at Lords Meadow in Crediton. Although the children did not finish in the top 3, Nathan came third in the 25 metre freestyle. The children performed well and were a credit to our school.

The team was: Dylan, Ella, Aimee, Grace, Kobi, Jack, Tom and Nathan. Well done to them all.

Learning Leaves, Learn, Share and Enjoy Stickers ...

Week ending Friday 24th January

Learning leaves and stickers were awarded to Ellie, Keira, Alfie, Poppy, Leon, Elsie, Thomas, Archie, Isobella, Meriel, Eva, Caleb and Felix.



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Learning leaves and stickers were awarded to Danny, Jessica, Poppy, Meriel, Dylan, Rowan, Archie, Aimee, Aria and Freda.



Beano Award ...

Week ending Friday 24th January

The Beano Award was given to Kaylynn for impressing me so much with his attitude, being so polite and hard working. Keep it up Kaylynn.



Week ending Friday 31st January

This week the Beano Award went to Ellie for her fantastic attitude and her hard work. Well done Ellie.



And Finally ...

We continue to experience variations in the weather and, as of yet, haven't had any significant disruption to school opening as a result of snow and icy conditions. Please ensure that you are aware of all communications in the event of winter weather:

If the school is closing early, then we will notify you directly via School Comms as soon as possible, in addition to this, we will place a notification onto the school website. ANY after school clubs will be cancelled and children will need to be collected from school as soon as possible. We will notify the first point of contact that has been given to school, that school will be closing early, via the telephone.

If we have had snowfall overnight that will affect the journey to school for pupils and staff, an early morning assessment will be made, as to our capacity to safely open up the school. School closure will be announced on the local radio stations (BBC Radio Devon and Radio Heart), as early as possible. We will also try to post the information onto the school website by 07.30am. Alternatively, it may be that we can open up the school, but at a later than normal time, giving the roads a chance to thaw, enabling staff to journey safely to school. This will also be announced on the radio and posted on the school website.

As we are- believe it or not- currently in the depths of winter, children are advised to come to school with appropriate clothing: warm 'winter' coat – not just a rain coat, as this is not warm enough, wellington boots (if snow is on the ground), hat, gloves and a scarf.

Stay safe. Stay warm and enjoy the rest of this half term.

Many thanks and best wishes

Nic Forder