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Welcome ...

... to the last edition of the Bow Times for 2019. I think I must be getting older, as this year seems to have flown past particularly quickly!! The children have been very busy over the last few weeks, so there are a lot of things to catch up on...

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.

Safeguarding ...

As we are approaching the holidays, please find below the telephone number of MASH - the team which you can ring and voice any safeguarding concerns that you may have about any child. If you are in any doubt about what that child is experiencing or have any concerns regarding how safe they are, please ring the Multi Agency Safeguarding (MASH) where you can talk to someone about your concerns and ensure that a child will be supported. The number to dial is: 0345 155 1071.

A Million Dreams CD ...

If you haven't yet seen our CD – click on the school website to take you to the link.

On the school page you can also make a donation to the two charities that we are supporting with the charity CD – CLIC Sargent and Down's Syndrome Association. We still have a limited amount of cds available to purchase from the office. They would make the perfect Christmas present!

<https://www.bowcps.devon.sch.uk/website>

We are so proud to have reached number 25 in the itunes pop chart and number 2 in the amazon download chart. It was also thrilling to hear that Hugh Jackman had seen the fantastic video and shared it with his followers.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cknrURxTw_A

Please look out for an article about the CD in the Sunday Mirror this weekend.

Huge thanks to Cameron Mills for pulling this all together and for working so hard with the children. I think you'll all agree that he has done an amazing job.

Christmas performances ...

The Christmas performances were very well attended by parents and grandparents alike on both days. Thank you to everyone who took time out of busy schedules to come and support the children. A huge thank you to all members of staff, who have worked exceptionally hard to ensure that the children had their lines, had learnt their lines and had an appropriate costume for their role.

It was very disappointing to hear that a number of children from KS2 did not turn up for the Tuesday evening performance (illness aside), with no explanation or notification given to the teachers or any member of staff. This meant that all the children's hard work and that of staff was undone, as it placed great strain on the remaining performers, as they had to step in at the last minute. Thank you to staff and children for stepping up, so that the performance could go ahead.

Mrs Dyer ...

Thank you very much to Mrs Dyer and her team for an absolute sterling delivery of the whole school Christmas lunch yesterday. The food was yummy, and the children really enjoyed the occasion.

Staff were very grateful to parents and volunteers, who gave up their time in the afternoon, so that staff could come together and eat their own Christmas lunch (thank you Mrs Dyer – this was equally as yummy) – this is a once a year opportunity and we are very grateful to the volunteers for doing this!

Parent Lite ...

This is an app that parents are asked to download, so that you can check the details that school holds for you – such as contact details.

If you have changed your mobile number, or you no longer have a landline number, or any of your personal details have changed, please use the app to update your records – if your child falls and hurts themselves, we may not be able to contact you if we do not have accurate and up-to-date records. Thank you.

Learning Leaves...

Week ending Friday 13th December

Learning leaves were awarded to Jack, Nathan, Tyrese, Fynn, Zara, Hollie, Hannah, Ruth, Sienna and Bronwyn.



And Finally ...

There were a lot of participants in the talent show this year, with a fabulous array of talent from joke telling, football, dancing, singing and gymnastics. Well done to everyone who took part and brightened up the last day of term for us all.

A big thank you to everybody that has worked so hard over the last term. We are looking forward to a new start and a new year when everybody has had a chance to relax and recuperate.

Many thanks and best wishes.

Lesley Hodgson