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## Welcome ...

... to the latest edition of the Bow Times. It is a busy time of year for all the children; learning is in full swing and much is being achieved. Despite the very unsettled weather, the early spring bulbs are making an appearance, peppering the hedgerows in all their pretty glory, which brings a smile to my face each morning on my way into school. The earlier greeting of light is certainly most welcome too and a sign that summer is on the way.

## 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.

## QE KS1 Multiskills Event ...

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, Otters went to QE to participate in a multiskills' event. There were 12 activities which included volleyball, rounders, parachute games, rugby and cricket. One of the favourite activities involved throwing a ball against a tight net, which bounced it back at the thrower. The children consolidated skills that they have been learning in PE and the teachers learnt new games and activities to use back at school.



## A Million Dreams Charities Cheque Presentation and Concert ...

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, the two charities (Downs Syndrome Association and CLIC Sargent), which benefitted from the monies raised as a result of the release of A Million Dream's single, will be coming to a special rock and pop concert performed by Cameron's music students. They will be presented with cheques at the start of the concert.

Some of the music students will perform a selection of songs that they have been working on together as groups. The concert will end with a live performance of the school's charting single - A Million Dreams!

The concert, which will take place in the school hall, will begin at 3.45pm and will end at 5.15pm.

## School Lunch Orders ...

A kind appeal...

A number of families are forgetting to order school lunches in advance of Monday morning. As I am sure can be appreciated, at this time of the school week the admin staff are extremely busy. Please can I therefore ask that all orders are placed in a timely manner, through the School Gateway. We do, as ever, like to accommodate to the very best of our abilities and provide lunch choices as requested, but in order to do so, the admin team need your help. Many thanks.

## The Big Sing - The Great Hall Music Event...

On the 28<sup>th</sup> February, the school singing club will be taking part in The Big Sing which takes place at The Great Hall in Exeter. This year, the children have chosen to sing "Friend Like Me" by Will Smith from the film Aladdin. We listened to a variety of "Jazzy" songs to reflect this year's musical genre, before enthusiastically settling on this track! It is a fast tempo song to sing, which we have had fun practicing- the speaking parts and accompanying actions, particularly.



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

### Week ending Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Learning leaves and stickers were awarded to Jack, Amelia, Jordan, Lola, Bertie, Alfie, Tom, Luke, Ella, Faith, Willow, Skye, Fynn, Lily, Kieran and Lexie.



### Week ending Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Learning leaves and stickers were awarded to Holly, Kye, Henry, Jack, Alex, Poppy, Evie, Hollie, Mila, Rowan, Dylan, Isobella, Poppy, Lola and Abi.



## Beano Award ...

### Week ending Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

The Beano Award was given to Faye for her positive attitude and her warm smile.



### Week ending Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

This week the Beano Award went to Caleb for his incredible imagination and story writing as well as his hard working independent attitude in class. Well done Caleb.



## And Finally ...

I do hope that you all have a wonderful Spring break and that the weather is kind to you all. Wouldn't it be wonderful to come out of hibernation?! Have a lovely half-term break and we will see you all on TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY.

Many thanks and best wishes

Nic Forder