

# Bow Community Primary School

# The Bow Times

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## Welcome ...

It is lovely to see that the trees are so full of autumn colour at the moment, although the high winds that we have recently experienced have brought down many of the leaves so that some trees are already bare. Please, can you make sure that your child has a coat in school EVERY day, the children will go outside in all but the most severe torrential downpour – we still have children arriving at school without a coat...

## Learning Leaves ...

### Week ending Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Learning leaves were awarded to Alfie, Grace, Holly, Danny, Emily, Skye, Oliver, Taylor, Rufus and Sienna.



### Week ending Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Learning leaves were awarded to Dylan, Dom, Ellie, Mila, Evie, Jessica, Luka, Cody Leopold & Alfred



### Week ending Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Learning leaves were awarded to Amber, Sienna, Joseph, Keira, Isabella, Oliver & George.



## Writer of the Week ...

### Week ending Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Writers this week are Lilly-Mai, Isla, Gracie, Lennon and William.



### Week ending Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Writers this week are Orla, Freda, Jenson, Willaim and Rufus.



### Week Week ending Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Writers of the week are Reece, Evie, Alisha, Faith and Elsie.



## Beano Award ...

### Week ending Friday 2nd November

The Beano award was given to Lexie for her brilliant attitude towards her learning and for trying so hard in all her lessons.



### Week ending Friday 9th November

The Beano award was given to Sofia for trying hard even when she is struggling.



### Week ending Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

The Beano award was given to Ryan for constantly being polite.



## Accelerated Reader ...

Several children are wowing us all with their accelerated reading achievements. We have awarded those who have read the most words and those who have passed the most tests (which means they have read the most books – you read a book, you have to take a test to show you have understood what you have read!)



The following children have read the most words: Reece, Poppy, Rachel and Megan.  
The following children have passed the most tests: Alexia, Meriel, Taylor and Reece.

## KS2 Author Visit ...

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, Emma Cox, an award winning author came in to talk to KS2. Many of the children purchased her new book, Malkin Moonlight, which was recently awarded the National Literacy Trust's inaugural New Children's Author Prize in 2015!

## Birthday Treats in School

A number of people have most recently been expressing concerns about the level of sugar which is finding its way into our school in the name of birthday celebrations. This is a relatively new thing in schools – and is not something that we as a school, necessarily endorse.

Parents often feel under pressure from their offspring, to provide something for their fellow classmates, because other children have brought in a cake/bag of sweets/ buns and so on. This is particularly difficult if:

- A) you do not agree with this sentiment, and
- B) you find that your funds are stretched, or
- C) you are trying to watch how much sugar your child has.

As a school we are talking to the children about this in assembly and in class.

Please do not feel that you have to celebrate your child's birthday by sending in any of the above items. If you do not wish to do this, talk to your child about the reasons why you do not want to do this. Together, we can make this work for everyone.

## Otters...

It is lovely to be able to welcome back to school Miss Williams, who has been away from school since the beginning of September following her recent illness. Most recently, she has been coming into school as part of a phased return. We are glad to say that she is well on the way to recovering and will be fully on board and taking the helm of Otters from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Miss Sally Smallman, will also be returning to Otters on a part-time basis (Thursday and Friday) week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Welcome back Sally!

## FoBS - Christmas Fair

Just a reminder, that we have our school Christmas Fair on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 3.45pm-6pm. The children are all busy working on their £10 Challenge and this year, there are some very interesting ideas that they have come up with. There will be stalls in the hall and much more to see, including the famous raffle with a super set of prizes.

Huge thanks to members of the FOBS team – who have already been working solidly away in the background, in readiness for this fun-filled after school event.

## School Bags... (A plea from the teachers)...

Many children seem to be arriving at school with 'ginormous' rucksack bags, that are filled to the top! Some children seem to be using these as their 'book-bags'. Unfortunately, we have no space to be able to store this type of bag in the classroom, and no space on the corridor (which has to be kept free for a fire evacuation route). With a large number of children now in KS2, our cloakroom is also becoming 'packed' with these large bags.

If your child has a book bag (slim and blue), then these can be accommodated outside the classrooms in the black boxes. If your child does not have a blue book bag – these can be purchased from the office at a cost of £5.00. They are durable, weatherproof and able to take a surprising amount of equipment, including sweatshirts.

Please encourage your child to only bring to school what is necessary, and in a small bag, if they are using a huge rucksack. Thank you for your consideration.

## Medical...

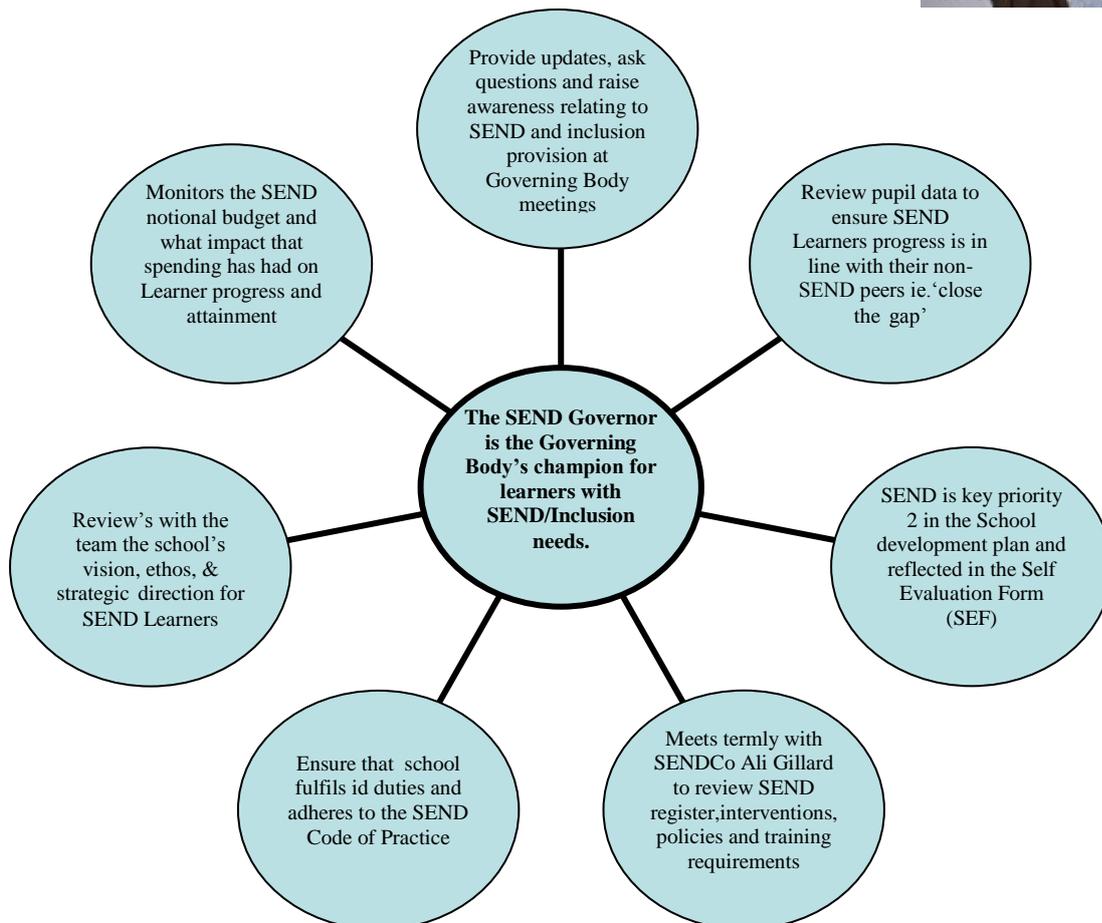
At the moment there are lots of nasty bugs out there that are beginning to affect our pupils. Pupils in Foxcubs and Otters seem to be the most susceptible, given their young ages, and often they come down with coughs and colds very quickly. There is a nasty strain of flu about at the moment, which is affecting many members of the community, so please do watch your children, if they are poorly – **KEEP THEM AWAY FROM SCHOOL!!** Sending them into school can not only prolong their illness but spread the infection around their fellow classmates.

If your child is off school, please remember to ring into school each day of their absence by 9.30am or you can do this early in a morning and leave a message on the answerphone.

Thank you.

## A word from the Governors

My name is Tina Baskerville and I have been a School Parent Governor at Bow Community Primary School for nearly 11 years. For many of those years I have been privileged to hold the governor responsibility for SEND/Inclusion... but what does that mean????



## Communication

From time to time parents might have the need to contact school about an issue, or feel affected with the way that something has been handled, or they might not understand why we have done something the way that we have...

The issue may not feel big enough for a parent to want to come into school and talk to someone about, but it might just sit there and niggle away.

Elle Thomas (parent of Sofia, in Otters), is very happy to be a point of contact for any and all parents in such cases as these. If you feel that you have something that you would like an answer to, but don't necessarily need to talk to a class teacher or myself, then please feel free to contact Elle on [bow.parentcommunication@gmail.com](mailto:bow.parentcommunication@gmail.com)

## Tag Rugby Tournament

On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November Stag's Class took a coach up to Queen Elizabeth School in Crediton to compete in the "Tag Rugby Tournament" against other local schools. Stags had been doing Tag Rugby in P.E so this was an excellent opportunity to have a go at testing their skills.

Upon arrival the class grouped into their mixed ability/gender teams and warmed up to prepare for the 3 games each team would play in their group.

The wind picked up about lunch time and the class huddled together to eat their lunch before heading to the bottom pitch to watch C team give Cheriton Bishop School a tense game which they narrowly lost, meaning it was time to go home.

The class left the grounds in high spirits having had a very active morning and arrived back to the school in time to breathe a sigh of relief when the rain clouds and gale winds unleashed on the mid Devon Countryside.

Well done to all participants and look out for next year!

## And finally ...

I look forward to seeing many of you at the FOBS Christmas Fair – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 3.45pm. In the meantime, the children will continue to work their hardest and begin to practice those all important Christmas songs... tra la la la la, la la la lah!

Until next time...

Lesley Hodgson