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Bow Bulletin

Friday 18th September



Welcome Back

A message from Mrs Drake

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school after the summer break. We have had a fantastic first couple of weeks, and it has been lovely to see the children coming back through the doors with smiling faces, ready to learn, making friends and enjoying being part of our school community.

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time. For some children, it has meant starting school for the very first time, while for others it has meant moving into a new year group, meeting a new teacher or taking on new responsibilities. I have been incredibly proud of how well the children have settled and of the kindness and enthusiasm they have already shown.

We have also been busy establishing our routines and expectations for the year ahead, with a particular focus on our school rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe. These are at the heart of our school, helping us to create an environment where every child feels happy, valued and able to learn.

There is lots to look forward to over the coming weeks, and I am excited about all that we will achieve together this year. I look forward to sharing some of the children's successes, learning and experiences with you through our newsletters.

Things from home stay at home

A polite reminder - Please can all toys and items from home stay at home. Bringing toys from home can distract students and disrupt a focused learning environment. Personal items also risk getting lost, damaged, or causing conflicts over sharing.

Class update

Foxcubs

Reception have had a great start to school life! It's been great getting to know each other!

In Phonics we have been focusing on singing nursery rhymes, practicing writing our names and holding a pencil.

In English, our first text was 'we're going on a bear hunt'. The children enjoyed joining in with actions relating to the book, mark making different scenes from the book, and we even went on a bear hunt to the school forest and found a bear!

In Maths, we are learning about 'matching', 'sets' and 'grouping', Our favourite part has been playing a game of snap!

In PE we have focused on different types of jumping and playing lots of fun games to develop those gross motor skills!

In Understanding the World, we are learning about each other as we drew who lives in our house and have discussed our favourite things.

In PSHE we have discussed our 'zones of regulation' creating tissue paper faces based on how we feel.

Otters

We would like to take a moment to say how incredibly proud we are of all the children for returning to school so positively after the long summer holiday. They have settled so well back into the new school routines, and for many, into a brand-new classroom too. It has been wonderful to see their smiles, enthusiasm and confidence as they have begun this exciting new chapter.

This term, we have introduced the children to a new word: **'Inventuring'**! Inventuring is all about inventing whilst adventuring — using our imaginations and creativity to dream up exciting ideas, objects, characters, places and adventures.

Through Inventuring, we hope to encourage the children to let their imaginations run wild, explore their own ideas and become excited about creating something that is uniquely theirs. Most importantly, we want them to have fun with their ideas and discover that the more imaginative they are, the more exciting their writing can become!

In Maths, we have begun our learning about **'Place Value'**. Our Year 1 children have been busy sorting objects and developing their counting skills, practising how to count objects accurately to 10 and beyond. They have been working hard to make sure they count each object carefully and only once.

Our Year 2 children have been exploring numbers in greater depth, counting in tens and developing their understanding of what each digit means within a two-digit number. They have been making and representing numbers using a range of practical resources, including **10-frames, Dienes and Rekenreks**, helping them to see and understand the value of tens and ones.

It has been wonderful to see the children getting stuck into their learning and using practical resources to help them make sense of mathematical ideas.

We are already looking forward to seeing where their wonderful imaginations take them this term and, of course, reading all about the fantastic things they invent along the way.

Here's to a creative, imaginative and exciting term of Inventuring and learning!

Class update

Hares

Hares' Class have had a fantastic start back to the term and have already been very busy with lots of exciting learning!

In Maths, we have been exploring place value, using practical apparatus to help us partition numbers and develop our understanding of the value of each digit.

In English, we have started our new text, Mrs Armitage and the Big Wave. We have enjoyed sequencing the story and exploring some of the wonderful descriptive phrases used in the text. We have even had a go at writing some imaginative descriptive phrases of our own!

Our new History topic has taken us back in time to Ancient Egypt. We began our learning by exploring a range of fascinating artefacts and using them to discover a little more about what everyday life might have been like for people living in Ancient Egypt.

In DT, we have been investigating different types of containers and thinking carefully about how they are constructed. We will be using what we learn to design and make our very own Egyptian sarcophagi!

 Cardboard donations, please!

To help bring our designs to life, we would be very grateful for any donations of empty cereal boxes or similar cardboard boxes. Please send any suitable boxes into school with your child.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term of learning in Hares' Class!

Badgers

Badgers have had a fantastic start to the term! In Maths, our Year 4 pupils have been developing their understanding of place value up to 10,000, while our Year 5 pupils have been working with numbers up to 1,000,000. Everyone has shown fantastic resilience when tackling tricky problems to apply their new skills. We have also started our new RE topic exploring Hinduism, learning about some of its key beliefs and traditions. A particular highlight of the term so far has been the amazing effort in handwriting—we have been so impressed by the care, presentation and pride shown in our work!

Stags

Year 6 have settled wonderfully into their new routines and are responding brilliantly to the high expectations we have of them. It has been fantastic to see them growing in confidence and embracing the challenges of life in Year 6.

In English, we have begun our new text, The Day the Crayons Quit, which has already sparked lots of discussion, creativity and enthusiasm. In Maths, we have started our unit on place value, exploring numbers all the way up to 10 million and developing our understanding of the value of each digit.

In Science, we have begun learning about the circulatory system, discovering how the heart, blood and blood vessels work together to keep our bodies functioning. In History, we have travelled much further back in time as we have started exploring the Stone Age!

Our class trip to Go Ape last week was a huge success. The children were fantastic throughout the day, cheering each other on, supporting one another and encouraging their classmates to step outside their comfort zones. It was wonderful to see them developing their resilience, confidence and self-belief, as well as having lots of fun together.

It has been a fantastic start to Year 6, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled and risen to the challenges so far. We are looking forward to all the learning and adventures still to come!

Important Information

Uniform

We are proud to see most of our children representing Bow community primary school wearing the correct uniform on school days and P.E days. Just a gentle reminder that children should be wearing appropriate footwear to school - no fashion trainers or high tops please. See image for guide.

Absences

In order for a pupil to benefit from their education, good attendance is crucial. It is the policy of our school to celebrate achievement and full attendance is a critical factor to a productive and successful school career. We understand that from time to time pupils may be absent from school. Please inform the school office by 9.30am of any absence and continue to do so for each day your child is absent. Medical appointments will require evidence, emailed to admin@bowcps.devon.sch.uk Please familiarise yourself with our attendance policy located under the 'for families' section on our website.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding at Bow Community School is our priority. Thank you for helping to safeguard all children in the morning by leaving messages with the adults outside it really is appreciated. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Wilmott and our Designated Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mrs. Gillard and Mrs. Drake. If you have any concerns please contact school admin via admin@bowcps.devon.sch.uk For advice and tips on safeguarding please visit: [Bow Community Primary School: Support for Families](#)

MCAS

Any families who have been unable to log in to MCAS for their child let the school office know, so that we can provide support. If anyone is unsure how to use their Childcare Tax-Free Account to pay for enrichment clubs, please pop into the office and speak to Mrs Bryant, who will be happy to help.

Car Park

Please can we kindly ask that parents and carers do not park, wait, or drop off children in the hatched area of the car park. This area needs to remain clear at all times to ensure the car park is safe and accessible for everyone, particularly during busy drop-off and collection times. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to keep everyone safe. We really appreciate your cooperation.

Lunches

Please remember to order your child's lunches in plenty of time. If you have booked a lunch and brought in packed lunch, a school lunch will take the priority.



Pool committe update

One benefit of the unnaturally hot summer was a bumper season for our Bow School Community Pool – a big thank you, everybody! Especially successful were the 40 pre-booked family and group sessions this year - three times last year's - made possible by our loyal band of committee members and helpers extending the cover they give for public sessions, for the required further poolside help to open all sessions and support our tremendous lifeguards. Clearly that took up time, if very rewardingly, enabling fun and enjoyment. Behind the scenes of course there was maintenance liaison with our excellent contractors PoolnSpa Services, water checks several times a day, arranging supplies, responding to booking requests, doing the finances and other interesting work.

We are saying this now because we have a challenge that our three most active committee stalwarts need for different personal reasons to step down to "ordinary" committee work, at least for a while. So... this would be a helpful time for more parents, other relatives and supporters of the only public outdoor swimming pool between Chagford's and Topsham's to step forward, please! We'll be mainly in preparation and fundraising mode this term, of course, to include genuine laughs to be had at a jumble sale next month, date tba.

Please do consider this and, we hope give your name in to the school office, email Bowswimmingpool@bowcps.devon.sch.uk or see Bow School Swimming Pool on Facebook. Come along to school at 7.15 pm on 23rd September for our committee meeting even if you just want to hear more.

Drum Lessons
Now offered
at school.

For more info contact Ben at:
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07966-488481



Thank you Lindsey

Thank You, Lindsay!

A huge thank you to Lindsay Lucas, who has stepped down from her role as Parent Governor. Lindsay has been a dedicated and knowledgeable member of the Governing Board and has made a significant contribution to our school community. Her support, insight and commitment have been a real asset, and we are very grateful for everything she has given to the role.

Thank you, Lindsay, and we will miss you!

Clare x

Super star footballer

Eli's football team WON the national final championship in beach football over the summer!

His team now hold the U8 national champions title for England. We are so proud and can't believe the size of that Champion's trophy!

Crediton crunch

Well done Mrs G on completing the 10k Crediton crunch, raising money for Hospiscare.

Our community

Food Needs



Harvest Assembly 29th September

We will be collecting for Crediton food bank and they have provided a list of things that they find useful.

Please can families bring in their donations on Monday 28th September and Tuesday 29th September. There will be a box outside the school for families to put their donations in.

Vacancies

Our current vacancies are as follows

<https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/job/Teaching%20Assistant%20-%20Bow%20Community%20Primary%20School-81/>

<https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/job/Clerk%20to%20Governors%20-%20Bow%20Community%20Primary%20School/>

<https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/job/Catering%20Cook%20-%20Bow%20Community%20Primary%20School/>
For more information about either of these positions, please visit Devon Jobs or speak to Mrs Bryant in the school office.



Upcoming dates for your diary

- 21st September - Reception phonics workshop 9am
- 24th September - Martial arts visitor
- 28th September - Year 1 phonics workshop
- 23rd September - YR 5/6 Football at Bow
- 28th September - Harvest donations to be brought into school
- 29th September - Harvest donations to be brought into school
- 6th October - Hares & Badgers class visitor Ancient Egypt
- 12th October - Fox cubs class visitor Toddler Town
- 14th October- YR 3/4 girls Football
- 16th October - Non uniform day & FOBS disco
- 23rd October - Non pupil day
- 26th October - Half term
- 2nd November - Back to School
- 6th November - Pool jumble sale
- 8th December - KS1 Nativity 9.30am followed by Otters visitor from Tiverton Museum
- 9th December- KS1 Nativity 2pm
- 11th December - Panto trip
- 16th December - KS2 singing concert 2pm
- 17th December - KS2 singing concert 9.30am
- 18th Decmebr - Last day of term
- 4th Januray - Back to school

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