

## **Bowness-on-Solway Primary School**

# News letter



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Friday 20th October 2023

#### What An Outstanding Start To The School Year!

As a staff, we could not be any more proud of our pupils. They have had a wonderful first half term of the year, impressing the staff with their great learning attitudes, their good conduct and their manners. They say 'please' and 'thank you' and they hold doors open for others. They show an interest in the well-being of children and adults. No school has 100% perfect behaviour, but ours comes very close! This sets things up very well for the rest of the year.

Since changes to the bus service came in, I have had some reports of behaviour on the bus being lower than these expected standards. This has improved significantly in the last couple of weeks but please continue to remind all children that we expect children to keep their voices down and to sit safety in their seat for the entire journey.

#### **Key Diary Dates**



Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Last day before half term

Mon 30th Oct - Return to school

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** – 1<sup>st</sup> of four Wednesday PE lessons with Mr Jefferson – Kestrels

Wed 8th Nov, 8pm - Friends of Bowness Zoom Meeting

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, 14:50 – Play In A Day (Years 4, 5 & 6)

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas jumper day

Fri 8th Dec – Chocolate bingo

**Tue 12**<sup>th</sup> **Dec, 9:30** – Christmas Extravaganza –

performances from all pupils

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas lunch

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of the autumn term

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – First day of the spring term

If a child misses 10% of school days, that equates to well over half a year of missed learning during primary.



Good attendance is so important for children to have the best prospects for the future.

The weekly trophy goes to the class with the highest attendance!

#### Week beginning Mon 9th October

Owls: 100% Ospreys: 98% Kestrels: 100%

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#### **Charity Work**

Our new school council members are already doing a great job with lots of fundraising ideas. We collectively raised over £300 for Cumbria Cerebral Palsy and £64 for Breast Cancer Now on our *Wear It Pink* day.

### Friends of Bowness School

#### **Dress-Up Day / Movie Night**

Thanks to the Friends and to the Business Group for arranging a massively successful event. Our children had a wonderful time! They were well fed and they enjoyed the novelty of the giant screen.

#### Bag 2 School

The Friends of Bowness School are kindly arranging this collection between 20th and 27th November.

I'm sure many of us need to have a good clear-out so this could be the ideal time to do it!

Please see the attached flyer. A printed copy will be sent home after half term.

#### **Chocolate Bingo**

The doors will be flung open at **18:30 on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** for what is always one of the most popular events of the year. Thanks for all chocolate donations sent in so far. However, please note that it is impossible to have too much chocolate, so any more still to be sent in will be gratefully received.

#### **Half Term Break**

Wishing you all a restful half term with fingers crossed for some forgiving weather! We look forward to welcoming our children back on **Monday 30**<sup>th</sup> **October**.