

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Autumn Term draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you some real highlights...

#### Belonging

The children of Bovington Academy have had a really successful and busy start to the year. Their new uniforms look incredibly smart and they are so proud to wear them which has made a real impact in their classrooms and the way they walk around the Academy.

#### Purpose & Engagement

We have welcomed new staff (teachers and LSAs) who have built good relationships with the children, established an enthusiastic School Parliament and planned a range of exciting activities to promote pupil voice across the Academy.

Our children have attended a number of the Purbeck Partnership sporting events with Miss Amos and done very well competing against local school teams; their sportsmanship has been impeccable which has made us so proud of them.

We have organised a number of charity events which has raised a huge amount of money this term.

**MIND (Mental Health )** £187.81

**Children in Need** £190.95

**Anti-Bullying week** £93.59

**Movember** £140.55

**The Purbeck Workshop** (local charity for children with cancer) £132.55

**The Children's Society** £179.33

**Total: £924.78!!**

What an amazing achievement! Thank you so much to everyone for their help and support. A special thank you to the small group of Y5 girls who raised the Anti-Bullying week money all by themselves by selling cakes and holding a lucky dip after school.

#### Sense of Accomplishment

Our children have collected a large number of 'Aspirations Points' over the term and the winning team from Autumn 1 had a special treat to celebrate. The winning team from this half term will receive their reward when we return after Christmas.

Our wall of stars has been filled once again with our Stars of the Week. It has been wonderful having our children and their families to celebrate this with us each Friday. The 'Hot Chocolate Friday' treat for these children has been a real hit!

### Fun & Excitement

We now have an excellent social media presence which has been so useful in communicating events, reflecting our Belong @Bovi pebbles and showcasing our annual Santa on a Tank event.... which this year went regional with the Dorset Echo. We are keen to continue to do this and have plans to make our next big event make the national newspapers!

Don't forget to listen out for us singing 'Sleeps till Santa' on Wessex FM this Christmas Eve. They play this during their Drive Time shows - approximately 7:15am, 8:30am and 3:20pm. The children performed brilliantly and will no doubt bring a smile to your face this Christmas.

All in all, a very busy term that the children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed which ended with our Christmas lunch, served by the staff!

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all of you for your continued support and hard work as parents. You are very much at the centre of what we do here at Bovington Academy and value working in partnership. We would very much like to welcome you to come along and meet with us on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at either 2:30pm or 6:00pm. This will be an opportunity for Mrs Maslin and Mrs Reddyhoff to tell you about the term ahead and the exciting plans we have for Bovington Academy.

From all the staff at Bovington Academy, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 for the beginning of Spring Term.

Mrs Maslin and Mrs Reddyhoff