



Bridestowe Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **School Attendance**

Last week, the school had a visit from Linda Page, our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) who monitors school attendance. I wanted to let you know that the visit went well and she was extremely impressed with Bridestowe's current attendance figures. Good attendance at school is vital in improving children's life chances and so thank you to all parents who support us with this matter. Please remember to always notify the school whenever your child is absent, as we have a duty of care to check on your child's whereabouts if we have not heard from you. Thank you.

### **School Kitchen**

The Environmental Health Officer paid our school kitchen a surprise visit this week, and I am pleased to say that the kitchen is still rated highly, receiving 4 stars. We would all like to say well done to our cook, Mrs Berry, for her continued hard work and excellent standards.

### **Snow Day**

I would like to apologise for another 'Snow Day' closure last Monday, but I am sure you appreciate that the safety of pupils and staff is paramount. I hope you managed to enjoy some snow fun, however! All staff were very impressed with how sensible and careful all the children were on arrival in school on Tuesday in some very slippery conditions, and also how well they adapted to the temporary changes to before-school procedures and registration in order to keep them safe.

### **Owlets Trip**

Unfortunately the snow and icy conditions meant we had to postpone the Owlets trip to Dingles Fairground on Tuesday. I'm sure you will all be pleased to learn that this has now been rearranged for the first week back after Easter and we will confirm the exact date as soon as possible.

Best Wishes,  
Mrs Suzie Stevens



### Achievements



**Care and Courtesy Cup:** Ayla Taylor, Phoenix Bruce, Callum Eyre

**Behaviour:** Thomas Perkins, Isobelle Maddaford, Riley Goddard

**Worker:** Nikita Smart, Liam Scullion, Rosie Eales

**Team Point Winners:** Cyclones

**Outside Awards:** Ben Cann has gained his 100 metres Swimming Award – very well done!

#### Diary Dates

##### March

26<sup>th</sup> – Y1 & Foundation Multi-skills at

Okehampton Primary

28<sup>th</sup> – Boasley Cross Country

29<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Term

##### April

2<sup>nd</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays

16<sup>th</sup> – Start of Summer Term

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Heatree Residential

17<sup>th</sup> – Y4/5 Kilve Court Presentation at

Okehampton College

23<sup>rd</sup> – Parent Consultations

25<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultations

##### May

7<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday

9<sup>th</sup> – Tempest Whole Class & Sport Photos

#### FoBS

##### Easter Holidays Matchbox Challenge!

Over the Easter Holidays FoBS would like to set the children a fun sponsorship challenge.

The idea of the Matchbox Challenge is see how many different things you can fit into a standard size matchbox. Prizes will be awarded for the most items included, the best decoration and the most sponsorship.

FoBS will provide each child with a matchbox, the rules and a sponsorship form. All we ask is a £1 entry fee. The closing date for the Matchbox Challenge is 20th April. This fundraising effort will go towards raising money to develop the Environmental Area at school.

Matchboxes and forms will be handed out in school next week.

#### Cereal Boxes

Next week is Vikings Topic week for the Barn and Snowy Owls. Please could every child in these classes bring in a large empty cereal box by Tuesday morning to use for their Viking Art. Thank you for your support.

#### Swimming

Today was the last of the Friday swimming sessions, and we have been amazed and proud of the progress made by the children over the last term. We will inform you of the date of the Swim Gala as soon as it has been confirmed.

#### Parent Volunteers

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who kindly give up their time to help transport children to events, provide an extra pair of hands in class, and assist with our Friday swimming sessions. Your generosity helps Bridestowe pupils have access to, and enjoy, many enriching activities. If you would like to help out in any way, please talk to a member of staff or see Mrs Lowden in the office.