



Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

14th February 2020

Half Term already!

The passing of time is something we humans always lament about: it seems to go by so slowly as we wait for Christmas, or our Birthday, or that Holiday, but then appears to have disappeared in the blink of an eye when we get there! That is so true when we consider how much learning we have crammed in to this half term and we are already half way through the school year. The children have been brilliant learners this term; I can really see improvements in every one of them. We look forward to another busy half term before Easter and then the exciting Summer term. Time flies when you're having fun!

Assemblies with Adrian Brook

We have been extremely grateful for the visits from Adrian this term, and his assemblies based around Christian beliefs but with moral and ethical messages for us all, which the children really enjoy. Our community partnerships are getting ever stronger and we thank our colleagues for that.

Devon Ability Games

A team of our children travelled to Barnstaple on the 5th February to participate in the Devon Ability Games. This sporting event, aimed at those children who may not normally take part in competitive sports, is a great opportunity for everyone to be involved in sports and healthy lifestyles. The children had a brilliant time and came back full of excitement. Thank you to the staff and parents who made it possible.



Rotary Quiz

On the 6th of February 8 children represented the school in two teams at the Okehampton area Rotary Quiz. The quiz covered the main curriculum areas and allowed children to test their brain power against other local schools. Our two teams came 3rd and 4th in their heat against some tough competition – narrowly missing out on the opportunity to progress to the finals. Well done!

Maths Workshop

Thank you to the parents who attended the recent Maths Workshop run by the school. The workshop was aimed at informing parents how we teach maths and how you can support at home. The materials will very shortly be available on the website.

Parental Book Look

Thank you to all parents who visited the school on the 12th for the parental book look. We had nearly 40 parents come into school – this means so much to the children to share their learning. It is with huge pride that I see our school as such an important part of our community.

FoBS Pub Quiz

Thank you to all who supported FoBS at their recent Pub Quiz. The quiz was well attended and enjoyed by all. A big thank you to the White Hart for hosting the quiz as well as the FoBS team for organising. A massive £300 (approx.) was raised.

Ready, Steady, Read with Usborne Books

The school have partnered with Usborne book seller Jackie Butler to run a sponsored read that will earn the school lots of free books! The sponsored read is running from January 27th to February 27th culminating in the new books being revealed on World Book Day on the 5th of March. Keep asking for those sponsorships and don't forget the special prizes for the top collector in each class!

School Ties

Please may I remind you that the school tie is part of our uniform. A quick look around on Thursday noted that over 25% of one class was not wearing their tie, and less than half were wearing them properly. A poorly worn tie is arguably worse than no tie at all. **Please can you ensure your child is wearing their tie on a daily basis.**

Owlets and Tawny Owls Swimming

KS2 finish their swimming today so after half term it will be the turn of the Owlets and Tawny Owls. As a school, we go above and beyond with our swimming offer to give every child the best possible opportunity to learn to swim. Please consider what your child is wearing on Fridays after half term – tights are very hard to get back onto damp legs!

Environmental Area working party day

As you know, we are working to tidy and enhance our environmental area for the benefit of our outdoor education offer. On **Thursday 20th February** Mr Hill will be in school working on cleaning up the remaining area before we start constructing our shelter and work station. **Any parent or interested person is welcome to come to the field to help out.**

Thank you to all those parents who have already given time and donations of materials to the project.

Events after Half Term

Please check the diary below for upcoming events – the next term is very short (5 weeks) and there is a lot to fit in!

Diary Dates

February

- 17th – 21st inclusive – Half Term
- 20th – Environmental Area tidy up day
- 25th – Forest School – Year 3, 4 and 6
- 26th – West Devon Cross Country – Selected team
- 27th – Ready, Steady, Read completion
- 28th – KS1/EYFS Swimming starts

March

- 5th – World Book Day (Dress up as your favourite book character)
- 9th – Forest School – Reception, Year 1, 2 and 5
- 12th – Sport Relief
- 18th – Parents' Evening
- 23rd – Forest school – Year 3, 4 and 6
- 23rd – Piano concert for Mrs Lamon's piano students
- 26th – Parent Forum – 5.30pm
- 27th – Last Day of Term

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Achievements

Care & Courtesy: Poppy H, Sebby, William, Mia, Hayleigh, Arabella, Casper, Zoe

Behaviour: Mollie, Thia, Maisie, Rosa, Jolie, Emma Be, Charlie D, Callum

Worker: May, John F-W, Millie, Molly Eg, Michael, MJ, Sam, Lucia

Outside Achievements: Emma Be has moved up to Level 6 swimming. Well done Emma!

Attendance

97.7%