



***Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together***

**17<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

### **Happy New Year!**

It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school this term. A new year brings an opportunity for a new start and we have been encouraging the children to think about what they want to achieve this year. The school continues to drive itself forward with ambition to widen our curriculum and to broaden the children's experiences and opportunities. Look out for lots of exciting activities coming up in the next few weeks!

### **Staffing in Snowy Owls**

It was with regret that I recently informed families with children in Snowy Owls that Miss Stansbury would not be taking up the role of class teacher as planned. Unfortunately, Miss Stansbury informed me of her decision - due to personal reasons - in the first few days of January. Mrs Sharland has kindly stepped in to teach the class. We are seeking a long-term solution and will inform you as soon as we know more; we thank you for your understanding. We wish Miss Stansbury all the very best.

### **Open The Book**

Open The Book will be continuing to visit the school this term, with Bible stories aimed at developing the children's morals, ethics and community spirit.

### **Forest School**

Forest school with Ranger Rob will continue this term and dates are detailed below. Please make sure your children have a complete change of clothes, shoes, and even coats, for forest school as the ground is very wet and quite muddy at the moment – but that's part of the joy of outdoor education!



### **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 will run from January 27<sup>th</sup> to February 27<sup>th</sup> culminating in the new books being revealed on World Book Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March. Look out for more details soon.

### **Parent Forum**

Parent forum will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of January at 3.30pm (please note change of date). We will be discussing the results of the recent children and parent surveys which are attached to today's newsletter. Any other discussion topics are more than welcome – please let Mr Hill or Mrs Lowden know.

### Swimming Gala

7 children represented the school today in the Okehampton area Swimming Gala and we look forward to hearing how they got on! A huge thank you to parents who transported the children.

### FoBS Meeting

The next FoBS meeting is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 7.30pm in the White Hart. Everyone is welcome to come along and share fundraising ideas.

### Year 2 and 3 Dance and Movement Day

Year 2 and 3 children have a Dance and Movement day on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January at Okehampton College. This will include the whole year groups and promises to be a great specialist teaching session! Details will follow via School Gateway.

### Diary Dates

#### January

- 17<sup>th</sup> – Okehampton Swim Gala (Selected team)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Forest school (Year 3, 4 and 6)
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Open The Book assembly
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – FoBS meeting – 7.30pm at the White Hart
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Parent Forum – 3.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Ready, Steady, Read launch
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 and 3 Dance and Movement

#### February

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Forest school – Foundation, Year 1,2 and 5
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Devon Ability Games – Barnstaple (Selected team)
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Rotary Quiz – 6.30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> – DMAT School Council meet
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Maths Workshop for parents – 5.30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Parental Book Look – afternoon
- 12<sup>th</sup> – FoBS pub quiz – White Hart
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> inclusive – Half Term
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Forest School – Year 3, 4 and 6
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Ready, Steady, Read completion

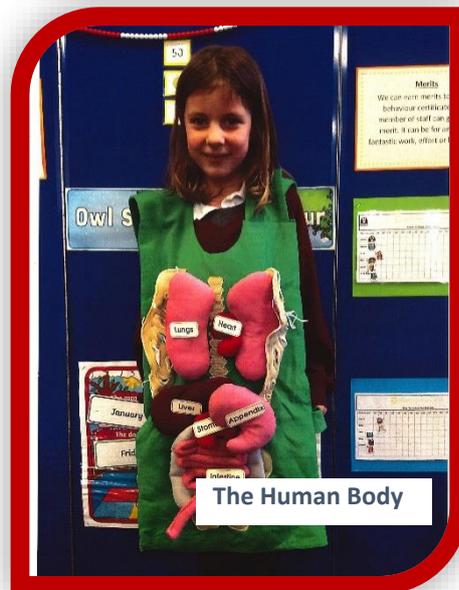
#### March

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – DMAT School Council meet
- 5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day (Dress as your favourite book character)
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Forest school – Foundation, Year 1, 2 and 5
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Forest school – Year 3, 4 and 6
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Parent Forum – 5.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Term

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### Attendance

# 97.8%



### Achievements

**Care & Courtesy:** Seb, John F-W, Lissy, Evie, Felix B, Isla, Charlie D, Caiden

**Behaviour:** Poppy H, May, Edith, Ruby D, Rosie, Eleanor, Dominic, Isabelle

**Worker:** Mollie, Thia, Elena, Mason, John p, Myla, Ben C, Noah

**Pen Licence:** Lucia, Charlie D

### Notices

**School Gateway:** Save money by downloading the School Gateway app. If you have a smartphone, both you and the school can save money when you download the 'School Gateway' app from your app store (Android and iPhone). Once you've downloaded the app, our texts will be delivered to you as instant app messages, saving us the cost of texting. Any messages that you send to school using the app will be FREE of charge to you. It's quick and easy to do. All you need to activate the app for the first time are your email address and mobile number held on record at the school.