



Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

20th December 2019

Merry Christmas!

This will be the last newsletter before the Christmas break - time has flown by! The recent Nativity performance highlighted the Christian message of Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Remember, it is a time to be thankful, to spend with family and to show love for others. I hope you thoroughly enjoy the Christmas break and spend some valuable time with your families.



Reading Festival

It was fantastic to welcome so many parents to our Reading Festival and to see children enjoying sharing books with their family. Thanks to your generosity at the book sale we have secured books to the value of £72 for the school. This gives the children lots of choice when selecting reading books.

Carol Singing

Many of the children have been busy singing carols in the local community. A small group sang during a coffee morning at Okehampton library which made a rainy day brighter for a lot of people, and Barn Owls walked to Springfields to entertain the residents with some beautiful carols. Waitrose shoppers were treated to Christmas songs by a different group of our children this week, and they raised a fantastic £48 for FOBs as well as collecting the Community Matters cheque.

It's really great to give our children these experiences in our local area. Thank you to parents who helped with transport.

'Everyone Loves A Baby!'

I'm sure you will all agree that Owlets and Tawny Owls children produced a brilliant performance of their Nativity last week. They all showed a great deal of confidence and clearly enjoyed themselves. Well done to them all and their teachers for all the hard work and enthusiasm put in over the last few weeks. Public speaking and performance is such an important life skill – we always seek opportunities to develop this.

DMAT School Council

Representatives from Bridestowe attended a meeting of School Council children from across the DMAT recently. Items discussed were how to reduce plastic and getting more benches for the playground. This is a great opportunity for children to meet and make changes across all our DMAT schools.

Parent Book Look

Thank you to so many parents and carers for coming in to school and sharing children's work books. The children are always very proud to show off their learning. We had some lovely comments, including: 'Thank you, always lovely to see the hard work', and 'Well Done!'

Beauty & The Beast Panto Trip

The whole school had a very enjoyable trip to the Northcott Theatre this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show, and were extremely well behaved throughout; we are all very proud of them. These opportunities help to broaden and enrich the children's experiences of the arts. It was particularly pleasing to see Exbourne and Bridestowe schools coming together for the experience. Widening the children's friendships and community is a valuable positive of the Federation model.



Christmas Lunch

Children and staff all sat down together for a delicious Christmas Lunch with festively decorated tables and Christmas crackers. A huge Thank You to Mrs Berry for serving up such an amazing meal, and thanks also to FoBS for the children's gifts.

Carol Service

It was great to see so many parents at the Carol Service today. This was a lovely way to end what has been a very busy term.

After School Clubs

The school will be offering After School Clubs from January 13th on a weekly basis. Clubs can be signed up for via the School Gateway app.

Clubs will be limited to 15 children to ensure staff ratios are adhered to. This will be done on a first come, first served basis however those children unable to attend this half term will be given priority next half term.

- '6ers' club – Year 6 only – Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.15 - with Mr Parsley to prepare for the next stage of your education.
- Netball club – Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) – Wednesdays 3.15 – 4.00pm – with Mrs Baker
- Cookery club – EYFS and Key stage 1 (Foundation – Year 2) – Wednesdays 3.15 – 4.15pm with Miss Stansbury
- Art Club – EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Foundation – Year 2) – Thursdays 3.15 – 4.15pm – with Mrs Lammas
- Games club – All year groups – Friday 12.30 – 13.15 – with Mrs Harris.

A Time of Change

The end of the term often brings with it some changes. We are wishing a fond farewell to both Mrs Tippett and Mrs Sharland.

Mrs Tippet's years of service to the school and her unwavering dedication have made her such a popular figure with children, staff and parents.

Everyone has said a big 'Thank you' today, including the many children who have been through the school previously. We wish Mrs Tippett all the best for the future and remind her that she is always welcome at Bridestowe.

Mrs Sharland is transferring to Exbourne Primary from January so I am sure we will still see her regularly at Federation events. Again, we thank Mrs Sharland for her commitment and efforts in the school and wish her well with her new class at Exbourne.



Mrs Lammas will be teaching the Tawny Owls full time from January.

Mrs Baker is returning from Maternity leave and will be teaching the Owlets Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Harris will teach the class Thursday and Friday.

Miss Stansbury will move into the Snowy Owls – a decision which has delighted children and staff alike.

All the staff at Bridestowe Primary wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and best wishes for the New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back on the 7th January 2020.

Diary Dates

January

7th – Children Return to School

10th – KS2 Swimming Starts

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Attendance

97.6%

Achievements

Head Teacher's Awards: John F-W, Gracie, Rosa, Evie, Hayleigh, Ben F, John P, Ruby K, Charlie D, Liam J

100% Attendance: Caiden, Emma Ba, MJ, Charlie B, Felix B, William, Ben C, Gracie, Lissy, Lara, Molly Ea, Arabella, Lucia, Alex, Jamie, Millie, Poppy H, Felix J, Ruby K, Seb, Reuben, Mason P-G, Maisie, Jack, Oscar, Liam S, Myla, Ellenor, Lily, Dominic

Notices

FoBS News: Wow, what a month of fundraising! We have raised £710.30 this month alone. This has been raised through the following events:

Christmas party £490.50

Christmas after school club £60

School uniform donations £5

Refreshments at the Reading Festival £43.40

Rudolph Cards and Pressies £ 111.40

A massive thanks to all Parents, Carers and teachers who have made this possible.

May we wish you all an amazing festive break from FoBS