



Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

27/05/2022

Safety and Safeguarding

You will have seen my recent message to all parents about the priority we place on safety and safeguarding. This letter was drafted with the help of the Barn Owls (Year 5/6) at school, and I was pleased that they were able to list so many ways in which we keep one another safe. Recent events globally and locally have brought into sharp focus the need to prioritise what may just seem like common sense or 'health and safety gone mad'. The correct balance is where we have strong protocols in place which the children and community don't see as intrusive to their daily school experience. I believe we have that balance and will continue to ensure the wellbeing and safety of our children as our top priority.

Time to Chat – speaking with teachers

As a school we are always approachable, have open and honest communication and full transparency about successes and issues.

However, I must remind all parents/carers that our teachers have a class of children to prepare for and teach as well as many other tasks to complete.

We are always happy to speak to parents at drop off and collection to pass over short messages that are important from the day. **Please may I remind you that longer messages and broader conversations should be had through an arranged appointment.**

I have recently noted staff still in conversation with parents up to 20 minutes after the start or end of the school day when they need to be in class teaching or preparing, assessing. This is particularly true of support staff and TAs who have contracted hours and a finish time of 3.15.

Drop off and collection conversations should be no more than a few minutes – please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment for a longer conversation with your class teacher, which we will aim to accommodate as soon as possible.

For safeguarding and confidentiality reasons, I also ask parents/carers do not return to school significantly after the end of the school day and approach teachers individually – again, please make an appointment via the school office.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Jubilee Picnic

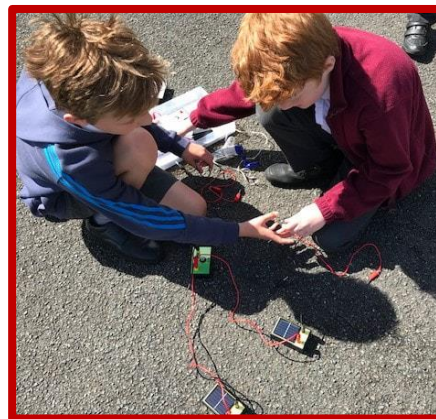
As I write, the whole school is awash with red, white and blue today as we look forward to our picnic, cream teas, and fun activities this afternoon. We hope you can join us in this joint celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Bridestowe School's 160th Anniversary.



Barn Owls visit to Raxon Solar Farm

On the 18th May Barn Owls visited Raxon Solar Farm as part of their Sustainability geography topic. The children explored the production of renewable energy and this was followed up with a visit to learn about other uses for Solar Power, where they created Solar Powered Circuits and tried out some Solar Powered toys.

A great experience for the children on such a topical issue!



Cricket Tournament at Hatherleigh CC

Also on the 18th May, a team of Year 3/4 children represented the school at Hatherleigh Cricket Club for the small schools cricket tournament. The children enjoyed taking part and learning new skills. Thank you to Alison Lane for helping on the day.

Devon Wildlife Trust – Wildlife champions

Our partnership with Devon Wildlife Trust has continued this term with a team of children learning about the importance of supporting wildlife in our local areas.

World Bee Day

After the whole school assembly on the importance of bees, the Tawny Owls created fantastic tissue paper ones.

Security Fencing at Schools

You will have noticed we are having new secure fencing erected around the school field. This is to replace the old chain link which has become broken and no longer fit for purpose. New gates will be fitted to replace the wooden gates on the field which are also no longer fit for purpose. This significant investment is a positive step towards our commitment to safety of our children and communities.



Half Term

We wish you a very happy and restful half term and look forward to welcoming children back in school on **Tuesday 7th June.**

Dates for the Summer Term

Please see the dates section below for what is a busy upcoming summer term!

Diary Dates

June 2022

WB 6th June – Year 1 phonics assessment this week

6th – Non-Pupil Day

7th – 24th June – Year 4 Multiplication tables check in this period

8th – Forest School, EYFS, Y1-4

9th – Y4/5 residential information evening, 4pm Boasley Cross Primary

10th – Open the Book

15th – Devon Wildlife Champions conference at Meeth Quarry

15th – Forest School, EYFS, Y5/6

16th – Y3 residential information evening, 4pm Boasley Cross Primary

16th – FoBS Rounders, School Field 5-7pm

20th – 22nd – Year 4 and 5 residential at Great Potheridge House

29th – Forest School, EYFS, Y1-4

29th – Y6 residential information evening, 4pm Bridestowe Primary

30th – 1st July – Year 3 residential at Adventure Okehampton/Boasley Cross

30th – Y6 Taster Day at Okehampton College

July 2022

6th – Fires Service Visit Year2 and 3, Barn Owls

8th – Open the Book

8th – Sports Day (Afternoon)

WB 11th – Bikeability, Y4 and Y6

13th – Forest School, EYFS, Y5/6

14th – Reserve Sports Day (in the event of poor weather conditions on the 8th)

14th – FoBS Summer Fair

15th – Bridestowe Summer Production PM

18th – 20th – Year 6 residential to Bristol

22nd – Y6 Leavers' Service PM

22nd – Last day of term.

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Whole School Attendance

94.6%



If you are concerned about a child at immediate risk of harm, you can call the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub directly on

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