



Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

31st January 2020

The End of January

It's hard to believe we are one twelfth through the year already. The first 4 weeks of term have been busy and full of great learning experiences. I have been so pleased and proud at the way the children have returned to school and fitted straight back in with their learning and development. Our pupil and parent surveys were overwhelmingly positive and I have recently surveyed the children about their reading attitudes and habits – which has also been positive. Let's keep this positivity going until half term and then on to Easter!

Okehampton Area Swimming Gala

On the 17th January a team from Years 5 and 6 represented the school at the Okehampton area swimming gala. The team did extremely well, coming 2nd in the Small Schools competition, and demonstrated great enthusiasm and team spirit. All who supported and cheered them on were super proud of their efforts.

Year 2 and 3 Movement & Dance Festival

Children from Year 2 and 3 attended the recent dance and movement festival at Okehampton College. They had a brilliant time and learnt some valuable skills.



Forest School

Forest School is continuing with Ranger Rob and the children have really enjoyed their activities and outdoor learning. We are passionate about outdoor education and the many benefits it can bring. As a school, we'd very much like to develop our environmental area and as such we are asking for your help:

- A working party day during half term to clean the area
- Materials to build a forest shelter and work bench:
 - Rough cut timber planks
 - Tree stumps/trunks
 - A small digger + driver
- To re-line the pond to develop our science
 - Plastic pond liner/silage sheet
 - Timber/carpentry skills to build a new jetty
- Wood chip for new pathways

FoBS have kindly offered to support financially with the project – but the more we can source by local means, the better!

If you are able to support with any of the above – please let Mr Hill or Mrs Lowden know.

Thank you!

FoBS Meeting

The recent FoBS meeting at the White Hart was well attended and discussions were positive and constructive. All Parents/Carers of children in the school are automatically members of FoBS, so please feel welcome to get involved!

Parent Forum

Thank you to parents who came along to the recent Parent Forum; the minutes are now available on the website.



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 27th to February 27th culminating in the new books being revealed on World Book Day on the 5th of March. If you didn't receive details and a sponsor form last week, please let Mrs Lowden know.

Rotary Quiz

A team of Year 6 children will be representing the school at the upcoming Rotary Quiz on the 6th of February at Okehampton Primary. We wish them good luck!

Devon Ability Games

Selected children will be travelling to Barnstaple on the 5th of February to participate in the Devon Ability Games. This event promotes physical activity and sports participation for those children who may not be the first choice for competitive school sports. A great experience for those involved!

DMAT School Council

Some of our school councillors will once again be representing the school at the DMAT School Council on Friday 7th February. This important part of democracy and representation gives our pupils a voice in the wider MAT.

Maths Workshop

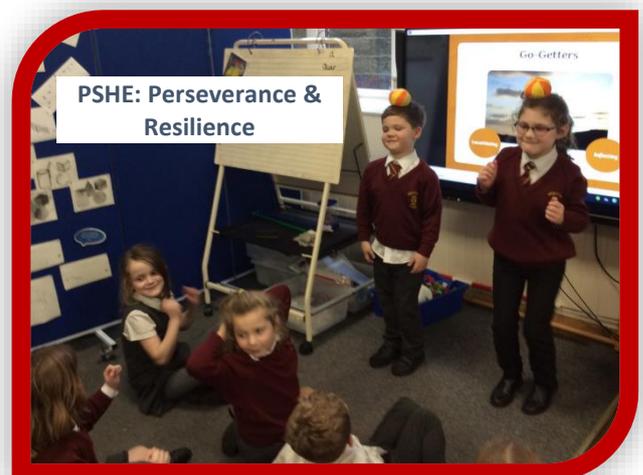
Don't forget – Mr Hill will be running a maths workshop for parents on February 10th at 5.30pm. This event is aimed at enabling parents to support their children with maths.

Parental Book Look

Our next parental book look will be at 2.30pm on Wednesday 12th February. All are welcome; the children love showing off their work!

FoBS Pub Quiz

Also on the 12th of February is the White Hart pub quiz which is in aid of FoBS. Mr Hill is the Quiz-Master and the quiz will take the form of 'Are you smarter than a 10 year old' with the questions having been answered by our Year 6s. So bring some friends, make up a team, and see if you *are* smarter than our brilliant Y6s!



Diary Dates

February

- 3rd – Forest School – Reception, Year 1, 2 and 5
- 5th – Devon Ability Games – Barnstaple (Selected team)
- 6th – Rotary Quiz – 6.30pm
- 7th – DMAT School Council Meeting
- 10th – Maths Workshop for Parents – 5.30pm
- 12th – Parental Book Look – 2.30pm
- 12th – FoBS Pub Quiz – White Hart – 8pm
- 14th – KS2 Swimming Ends
- 17th – 21st inclusive – Half Term
- 25th – Forest School – Year 3, 4 and 6
- 26th – West Devon Cross Country
- 27th – Ready, Steady, Read completion
- 28th – YR & KS1 Swimming Starts

March

- 2nd – DMAT School Council meeting
- 5th – World Book Day (Dress up as your favourite book character)
- 9th – Forest School – Reception, Year 1, 2 and 5
- 18th – Parents' Evening
- 23rd – Forest School – Year 3, 4 and 6
- 26th – Parent Forum – 5.30pm
- 27th – Last Day of Term

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Achievements

Care & Courtesy: Reuben, Lily, Lara, Niamh, Emily, Ellenor, Liam J, Izzy

Behaviour: May, Gracie, Oscar, Alistair, Charlie B, Elin, Johnathan, Casper

Worker: Liam E, Tommy, Molly Ea, Arthur, Mason P-G, Poppy S, Noah, Dominic

Pen Licence: Jamie

Attendance

97.8%

Notices

Uniform Reminder: The school is very proud of its uniform and how smart all the children look. The expectation is that a pullover/cardigan, shirt and tie are worn together in winter, and that your child always has a coat in school. Tights should be plain black or grey, and smart black shoes should be worn, not trainers. Any hair bands need to be plain, and burgundy, black or grey in colour. If your child has pierced ears, then only plain studs are acceptable in school and these need to be removed or covered for PE. Nail varnish is not allowed.

Uniform can be purchased from our [online shop](#) (there are still a few items in school stock; please ask), and we have many second-hand items available for a small donation to FoBS.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining the children's respect for their uniform.

Vacancy: We have a vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant. If you would like to know more, or if you know anyone who could be interested in this post, please contact the school office.