

Working in Partnership

It was lovely to speak to many parents this week during family consultations. A child's education is a work of partnership between ourselves as educational professionals and you as families. It is essential, therefore, that we have open and honest lines of communication about the children's academic, social and emotional growth. As a school we publish as much information as possible to our website, send curriculum newsletters, share books regularly and are always willing to set a time for an informal catch up. Thank you for your continued support and open communication with us.



Stars of the Week

Tegan – *Flourished* in growing her confidence at swimming

Katie – Outstanding behaviour and being incredibly *respectful*

Evie J – *Flourishing* in all areas, and remaining *ambitious* and hard-working

Team Points: Ash

Extra-Curricular Achievement- Elin plays Badminton for Tavyside Badminton Club and has attended training sessions every Saturday since she was around 7 years old. After playing at a Badminton tournament in Plymouth recently, she was unknowingly talent-spotted and invited to attend a trial in half term for a place in the Devon County Junior squad. As a result, Elin will now be training and representing Devon at a regional level in addition to playing at a local level for Tavistock. Well done on this great achievement!

Year 5/6 Activity Day

The Year 5/6 children had a brilliant time today with friends from Lydford Primary on Dartmoor, led by Encompass Training. The children engaged in map reading, survival skills, and moorland walking from Sourton Tor to Widgery Cross. A great day full of exciting experiences for all!

On Monday, the Year 5/6 children will complete day two of the Activity Days on Bodmin Moor – we look forward to it.

Festival of Hope – Song Recording

The children all looked very smart and sang beautifully while being recorded for their inclusion in the DMAT Festival of Hope's "Song for Hope" performance. This recording will be edited with other DMAT schools' contributions and shared on all DMAT media platforms. We look forward to seeing the finished article!

A big thank you to Mr Arnold for his enthusiasm and encouragement, and to the Trust's Jonathan Wates for his camera work.



Non-Uniform Fundraisers

Last month's non-uniform days raised awareness about our mental health and about children living with heart conditions. We are very pleased to announce that



Bridestowe Primary raised £84.50 for Place2Be, and £66.90 for Heart Heroes. A big thank you to all children and families who kindly donated.



Swim Gala

On Tuesday, 6 pupils will join friends from Lydford to compete in the area swimming gala at Tavistock. We wish them good luck!

Cross Country

On Wednesday our Cross-Country team will compete in the 2nd of 3 cross country races. The children did fantastically well last time at Simmons Park, and we are sure they will continue to do their best in the Chagford race.



World Book Day - rescheduled

Due to yesterday's industrial action, our World Book Day event will now take place on **Thursday 9th March**.

The focus is vocabulary and children are asked to come to school with a key word displayed/attached to them. This key word must have sparked interest or curiosity when reading at home.

Classes are continuing to create their very own class story to be printed by Potato Print. Information on how families can order a copy was included with last week's newsletter.

Team GB Athlete Visit

We are delighted to be welcoming Team GB athlete Kirsty Way to the school on Wednesday 29th March. During this inspirational visit Kirsty will lead an assembly discussing her journey into international sport, the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise and a healthy diet. The children will have the chance for questions and answers before a physical exercise workshop with Kirsty.

We are asking children to collect sponsorship from friends and family for the exercise workshop. ***Sponsor forms have come home this week - if you need extra forms, please contact the school office.*** To cover the cost of Kirsty's visit, each child would need to raise **£3.79**. However, any money raised above this amount will be shared between the school and Sports for Champions – 60% for the school and 40% for the athlete fund.



As a cashless school, we would prefer monies be paid straight to the crowdfunding page, here:

[Bridestowe & Lydford Primary School's Fundraiser - a Sports crowdfunding project in Okehampton by Sports For Champions UK \(CIC\) \(crowdfunder.co.uk\)](#)

Oxford Owl Online Book Library

As part of our Read, Write, Inc subscription we have access to an Online Library of phonetically decodable books. You can access these at home here: [Login \(oxfordowl.co.uk\)](https://login.oxfordowl.co.uk) using the class usernames and passwords that have been sent out this week.

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice, using conditioner and a lice comb. If live lice are found please treat accordingly. While your child is clear of lice, a useful natural deterrent is to use a few drops of tea tree oil in 100ml of water, which can be sprayed onto hair on a daily basis before school. Thank you for your support.

Tawny Owls

This half term the Tawny Owls are learning about why the Easter story is important to Christians. This week they role-played The Last Supper. The children were the disciples, eating bread and drinking wine (squash), which was a symbol of Jesus' body and blood. Jesus (Mrs Lammas) then 'washed' all their feet to show how important it is to lead by example. The children loved the lesson and were asking, 'can we do RE like this every week?'



Snowy Owls

As part of our Geography this half term Snowy Owls are learning about the weather. This week we learnt about the different components which make up the weather. To help remember them all we created actions.



Next Week

Monday	Year 5/6 Activity Day *RRR Club, Y6 only 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday	Dog's Trust Visit Swim Gala – selected children *Film Club 3.15-4.00pm
Wednesday	Forest School – EYFS, Years 1-3 Cross Country @ Chagford – Selected children *OCRA Club 3.15-4.15pm; *Board Games 3.15-4.00pm
Thursday	World Book Day – rescheduled due to industrial action *Cheerleading Club 3.15-4.00pm; *Recorder Club 3.15-4.00pm
Friday	Open the Book Assembly EYFS and KS1 Swimming

*Your child must be booked into after-school clubs via School Gateway in order to take part. Registers are taken.

Diary Dates

March

6th – 31st March – Festival of Hope

14 th	Festival of Hope – Indoor Athletics at Holsworthy College
15 th	Potential Industrial Action by teachers
16 th	Potential Industrial Action by teachers
17 th	Barn Owls trip to Plymouth Recycling Centre EYFS and KS1 Swimming
21 st	Forest School – EYFS, Years 4-6 Odd Socks Day
23 rd	Seal Sanctuary Virtual Workshop – Tawny Owls
24 th	Open the Book Assembly EYFS and KS1 Swimming
27 th	Parental Book Look – 09.00am Cross Country @ Sourton – selected children
28 th	South West Water Workshop – KS2
29 th	Sport 4 Champions Athlete Easter Service – 2.30pm, St Bridget's Church
30 th	Earth Energy Workshop – Barn Owls
31 st	EYFS and KS1 Swimming – final session Last Day of Term

April

3 rd – 14 th	Easter Holiday
17 th	Start of Summer Term
18 th	Y6 French Residential Meeting, 4.00-5.00pm at Bridestowe school
19 th	Forest School – EYFS, Years 1-3 Y3 Residential Meeting, 5.00pm at Boasley Cross Primary

May

1 st	May Day Bank Holiday
3 rd	Forest School – EYFS, Years 4-6
4 th	Y4/5 Residential Meeting, 4.00pm at Boasley Cross Primary
8 th	Bank Holiday for the Coronation

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Whole School Attendance

95.6%

Dartmoor
Multi Academy
Trust
...everyone in our Trust.



A SOLIHULL GROUP FOR PARENTS

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOLIHULL APPROACH

STARTS THURSDAY 9TH MARCH AT

OKEHAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

6.30–8.30 PM

A 10 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS WHO WANT TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT SENSITIVE EFFECTIVE PARENTING
EXPLORING ISSUES SUCH AS:

- BEHAVIOUR DIFFICULTIES
- EXPLORING FEELINGS
- SLEEP PATTERNS
- ANGER & SELF-REGULATION
- RECOVERY WHEN THINGS GO WRONG
- COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR CHILD

TO BOOK A PLACE JUST CALL 01837 52866 AND LEAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS OR EMAIL ME:

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