



Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

8th November 2019

Winter is nearly here!

With the clocks changing, dark evenings and the pretty poor weather we've had recently it's easy to feel like winter is upon us. In truth we have six busy weeks of learning and experience before Christmas. This half term is full of great opportunities for the children and for parents including reading festivals, visits from athletes, and book fairs. See the diary below for details.

Phone Line

Thank you for your patience whilst we have been having issues with our phone line. You can call us on: 07837652509

Remembrance

This Monday at 10.45 children will meet with Rev Adrian Brook to remember those who have fallen in service for their country. Please join us around the memorial for prayers and a moment's silence.

Phonics Workshops

Thank you to all the parents who attended the phonics workshops this week. We are keen to engage with parents to support the learning of our children. There will be more workshops on writing and maths in the new year – look out for dates below. Some of the feedback included: *'Thank you - so much easier to understand now'* *'Very informative and helpful'* *'Brilliant - very useful and informative'*

All the resources and a video of the teaching episode is available on the school website under 'Parents'.

Healthy School:

Please remember, packed lunches should include a healthy balance. No more than 1 chocolate bar and 1 packet of crisps please.

Please bring fruit for morning snack.



Snowy Owls' visit to Springfields

Snowy Owls will visit Springfields on Monday 11th November to speak with the residents and play board games. Please can the children bring games with them. This valuable experience is to build our community links.

School Open Day for September starters

On Tuesday we are welcoming parents and children due to start school in September 2020. This open event runs from 13.30 to 15.00. Refreshments for adults, and children are welcome to stay and play.

Cross Country at Castle Drogo

A team of Cross Country runners will represent us at Castle Drogo on Tuesday 12th November. Please look out for details.

Children in Need – 15th November

Children are invited to wear non-uniform and buy a Pudsy biscuit on Friday 15th November. £1 donation for non-uniform, 50p Pudsy biscuits.

Parents' forum – Monday 18th – 9am

Please join us for a parents' forum on Monday 18th November at 9am. Mr Hill will be talking about the change in Snowy Owls for January and discussing the school's focus on writing. Any discussion topics are welcome from parents – please email admin or speak to Mr Hill or your class teacher.

Recycling Assembly – Thursday 21st November

As you will be aware, West Devon are collecting more recycling from December. We have secured an assembly from West Devon about the new recycling services and why it is important to recycle in general – an important part of respecting our environment.

Swimming – January 2020

Swimming this year will be organised slightly differently. The children will visit the pool in two groups – KS2 for 6 weeks and then KS1 for 6 weeks. The children will receive more targeted tuition as there will be fewer children at the pool and no need for children to rush to get back on the bus. It will also mean we require only 1 coach trip and (hopefully) avoid the regular lateness and wasted adult time travelling to and from the pool. Swimming sessions will remain on a Friday afternoon between 1-2.30pm. Further details will follow soon.



Diary Dates

November

- 11th – Forest School: YR, Y5, Y6
- 12th – Open afternoon – New September starters – 13.30 – 15.00
- 12th – Castle Drogo Cross Country
- 15th – Children in Need non-uniform and biscuit sale
- 18th – Parents’ forum – 9am – Writing and January staffing
- 21st – Recycling Assembly delivered by West Devon council
- 22nd – Bouldering at Milton Abbot
- 25th – Forest schools (Year 1+2, Year 3, Year 4)
- 26th – Open the book assembly
- 28th – Visit from Team GB athlete Ezekial Ewulo
- 29th – Visit from Devon and Somerset Fire Service

December

- 2nd – Adrian Brook – Advent
- 3rd – Re-Treat workshops – Christmas
- 4 - 11th – Scholastic Book Fair
- 5th – Christmas shopping after school club
(Leave your child with us after school and get those bargains!)
- 6th – Reading Festival (Afternoon)
- 9th – Forest School (Year 4, 5, 6)
- 10th – Bridestowe Christmas Fair (evening)
- 11th – Christmas Nativity (Afternoon)
- 12th – Carol singing at Okehampton Library – 11am
- 13th – Christmas Jumper Day
- 13th – MAT-wide school council
- 17th – Panto Trip – Beauty and the Beast
- 18th – Christmas Lunch
- 19th – Carol singing at Waitrose, Okehampton 11am.
- 20th – Carol service
- 20th – Last day of term

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Attendance

98.1%

Achievements

Care & Courtesy: Tommy, Mollie, Molly Ea, William, Mason P-G, Myla, Johnathan, Alex

Worker: Gracie, May, Rosa, Evie, Eleanor, Charlie B, Riley, Kylan

Behaviour: Seb, Lily, Molly Eg, Niamh, Michael, Felix B, Zola, Liam J

Pen Licence: Ben C

Notices

FoBS News: Some great news to share - FoBS (all parents and carers of children who attend Bridestowe school) will be receiving a cheque very soon for £275!!! This donation will help a long way to help with our environmental area at school. Huge thanks for your support and to everyone who has shopped at Waitrose over the past month.

FoBS Christmas Party: FoBS really want to run another fantastic Christmas Party for the kids on Saturday 14th of December but we need a minimum of 6 volunteers to make this happen. We are calling on any parents who can offer to help! We have lots of kindly donated decorations etc but we really need volunteers to help organise and run the evening or it sadly won't be able to go ahead. Please either let Mrs Lowden in the school office know, send us a message on the FOBS Facebook page, or talk to one of us in the playground if you are able to help.

TEAM GB Sponsorship reminder: Please return any sponsor money to the school by Monday 25th of November as we need to have this collected prior to Ezekiel Ewulo's visit.