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*Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together*

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### **April Fools**

It's startling to think that today is April 1<sup>st</sup> and we are a quarter through the year already! The origin of April Fools is unknown, but my favourite theory is that it relates to the 1582 switch from the Julian Calendar to the Gregorian Calendar. In the Julian calendar the new year started around April 1<sup>st</sup> with the Spring Equinox. Some people continued to celebrate this date rather than January 1<sup>st</sup> and were known as 'April Fools'. But is it so foolish? Spring is a new start, for plants, animals, the weather and daylight – maybe this is the best time to move forward and look at renewing our commitment to support one another and provide the best for our community.

### **Cross Country Series**

We now have the results from the 3 series Cross Country event. Results from all 3 races were added together to give final results:

#### **Year 3/4 Small schools Team:**

Bridestowe 1st place 🏆

Year 3/4 individuals:

Lucy - 2nd girl overall 🥈

Mia - 3rd girl overall 🥉

Arthur - 3rd boy overall 🥉

#### **Year 5/6 Small schools Team:**

Bridestowe 1st place 🏆

Year 5/6 individuals:

Ellenor - 2nd girl overall 🥈

Well done to all the runners on your medals!

Thank you again to parents who supported and transported for this event.



### **Swim Gala**

Well done to Yellow team who won the recent Swim Gala at Aquastars, Ruby Oak Park. Thank you to parents who supported – it was fantastic to have these important sporting events back in our calendar.

### **Residentials**

We are pleased to inform you that we are offering a full range of residential trips for all KS2 children this academic year.

Many children have signed up already and we would encourage families to do so by April 8<sup>th</sup> via School Gateway. If you have any questions, concerns or comments on residentials, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Hill.

If your family is eligible for pupil premium, you can apply for financial assistance towards the cost of the trip – please speak to Mr Hill or Mrs Lowden.

## **Devon Wildlife Trust – Wildlife champions**

We are pleased to start our partnership with Devon Wildlife Trust this term. The DWT education team will visit the school and work with a team of Wildlife Champions to promote wildlife and nature in our school. The champions will have opportunities to present to the rest of the school. Through the summer term, DWT will be regularly visiting.

Wildlife champions will be informed of their selection and will need to bring a change of clothes on their workshop days.

## **Open the Book**

This term we will be visiting the Methodist Chapel for Open the Book assemblies. Our close links with community groups promotes the cultural and wider development of the children. Open the Book present Biblical stories through drama with a focus on moral messages and how we treat others.

## **Eden Project Trip**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April the whole school will be travelling to the Eden project to explore the grounds and take part in workshops. Please ensure children arrive in school at 08.00am for registration. We expect to return to school by around 4.30pm. Children should wear school uniform and bring a small rucksack or backpack to carry their packed lunch, drinks bottle, and a couple of healthy snacks for the morning and afternoon. Please ensure you have given consent via School Gateway.

If you require a school packed lunch (EYFS, KS1 and FSM only), please order via School Gateway by 12.00pm, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April.



## **Spring Service**

The children will be taking part in a Spring Service at St. Bridget's church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 09.30am. All parents and carers are welcome at the church.

## **Queen's Jubilee and 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Save the date for our combined celebration to mark the Queen's Jubilee and 160<sup>th</sup> year of Bridestowe Primary School on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Everyone Welcome!

Please see an appeal from the School Council at the end of the newsletter.

## **Sensory Garden Appeal**

The Easter holidays are often the time when we clear and tidy up our gardens. If you have any surplus herbs (thyme, lavender, mint etc.), cuttings, plants (strawberries for example) or flowers, we would be extremely grateful for donations. Please label them clearly and bring to Owlets at school drop or collect times.

Donations of primroses and bulbs for the Primula Party on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April also greatly appreciated.

## Dates

### **April 2022**

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Forest school - Owlets and Barn Owls
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Devon Wildlife Trust visiting to work with Wildlife champions – Introductory session
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Parent Forum, 7pm via Teams
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Easter Service 09.30
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Final KS1 swimming
- WB 11<sup>th</sup> – Easter break
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Start of the Summer Term
- 27<sup>th</sup> – DWT – Wildlife champions – Session 1
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Open the book

### **May 2022**

Month of May – Year 2 standardised assessments done in this month.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bank Holiday
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Cricket sessions with Vicky Reeve
- 4<sup>th</sup> – DWT Wildlife champions – Session 2
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Standardised Assessments
- 11<sup>th</sup> - DWT Wildlife champions – Session 3
- 18<sup>th</sup> - DWT Wildlife champions – Session 4
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Open the Book
- 25<sup>th</sup> - DWT Wildlife champions – Session 5
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Queen’s Jubilee and Bridestowe’s 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- WB 30<sup>th</sup> – May Half term

### **June 2022**

- WB 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 phonics assessment this week
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Non-Pupil Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Multiplication tables check in this period
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Open the Book
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Devon Wildlife Champions conference at Meeth Quarry
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Under the Sky workshop at Brentor Common
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 4 and 5 residential at Great Potheridge House
- 30<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 3 residential at Adventure Okehampton/Boasley Cross

### **July 2022**

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day (Afternoon)
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Open the book
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Reserve Sports Day (in the event of poor weather conditions on the 8<sup>th</sup>)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 residential to Bristol
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Last day of term.

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**Whole School Attendance**

**94.1%**



Did you, or anyone you know, attend Bridestowe Primary School?

If so, we need your help!

This year marks our school's 160<sup>th</sup> year and we would like to fill this board with memories!  
This will help us to learn about the history of our amazing school.



If you have a photograph of your time at the school from the past, we would like to see it.  
Please photograph it (maybe on a phone) and send it to us  
at [admin@bridestoweprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@bridestoweprimary.org.uk) along with a memory, your name and years you  
attended the school. **By Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 please.**

We can't wait to receive your memories.  
Thank you for helping us,  
Bridestowe School Council