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

03/12/2021

### **Christmas and Covid**

This week we have made the difficult decision to adapt some of our Christmas plans to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children, staff and community, as well as the security of a Covid-free Christmas period. The children will still have a wonderful enriching and educational experience in the run up to Christmas, and a cultural theatre trip in the new year when conditions allow.

### **Parent Forum**

Thank you to those parents who attended our recent Parent Forum – the minutes of which were shared last week.

Our next Parent Forum will be Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm – all welcome.

### **Forest School**

Forest school sessions have continued with Ranger Rob – EYFS, Years 1,2,3 and 4 have enjoyed sessions this week.

### **Open the Book gift**

Our friends at the Methodist Chapel and Open the Book team have today gifted a Christmas story book to each of the children to read and enjoy in the coming weeks.

### **Healthy Schools rating**

Bridestowe is proud to be a healthy school for all our children. This scheme rates schools based on the level of physical activity, food education and provision, as well as wider education about daily health.

As part of this scheme, we provide fruit snacks for morning break, and water (or milk for our youngest children) to drink. We request parents who provide children with their own snacks/drinks to match this pledge by providing only fruit for morning snack and water in drinks bottles.

This will also assist in our tooth- brushing programme which is ongoing in the EYFS.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Don't forget, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day – wear your Christmas jumpers over your school uniform in exchange for £1 in aid of Save The Children. Online donations for families with 2 or more children in school can be made at our Bridestowe Primary Just Giving page here: [Our Christmas Jumper Day \(savethechildren.org.uk\)](https://www.justgiving.com/bridestowe-primary/our-christmas-jumper-day) (Minimum £2 donation)

### **Christmas Lunch**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December is also Christmas Lunch. Children will enjoy the meal with Christmas crackers (kindly donated by FoBS), decorated tables and festive music.



## Reading Well for Mental Health

Mrs Harris has recently championed reading well for mental health in school:

*We are very excited to have purchased a new set of books which have been recommended for children by carers, health professionals and librarians.*



*Reading Well for children recommends reading to help children deal with worries, feel better and boost their mood. The books aim to help children understand their feelings and cope with tough times. The books cover: healthy minds, worries, feelings, the world around us, grief, depression, autism and dyslexia, and can be enjoyed by the child alone or with an adult. If you feel your child might benefit from reading one of these books, please get in contact with your child's class teacher or Mrs Lowden in the office. More information can be found at [www.reading-well.org.uk](http://www.reading-well.org.uk)*

## Respect, Ambition and Flourish awards:

Elsie – for flourishing in your reading

Austin – for continuing to build respectful friendships with your peers

Elena – for flourishing in your work by adding detail to explanations in science and geography

Elin – for showing great ambition in all your work.

## Website and Blog

Don't forget to check the classes blog on our new website at [BRIDESTOWE PRIMARY SCHOOL - Devon \(bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](http://BRIDESTOWE PRIMARY SCHOOL - Devon (bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk))

## Diary Dates

### **December**

10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day (£1 suggested donation)

10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch

14<sup>th</sup> – Carol singing – 2.30pm Outdoors – venue to be confirmed

17<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term.

WB 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Break

### **January 2022**

5<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return

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## **Whole School Attendance**

# 96.3%