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Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

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St Valentine

The history of St Valentine is a rather gruesome one – beheaded by Claudius in ancient Rome for marrying Christian couples – but his legacy is one of love and care for others. Whilst some may not buy into the commercial cards and red roses (myself included – Sorry Mrs Hill!), it is always important to tell the ones we care for how we feel. In our vision statement, *Flourish* includes the nurturing of positive relationships and friendships; this runs through all we do in the school. We inspire kindness and *respect* and when we feel loved, we achieve our best.

Covid Risk Assessments

As you will be aware, we have had a number of covid cases in school over the last 2 weeks. Thankfully, no individual has been seriously unwell and all have recovered quickly.

Many of those who were isolating have now returned to school. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

We continue to take measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in school including:

- Enhanced hand washing for children and adults
- Hand sanitisation points
- Enhanced cleaning regimes
- Daily LFT testing for adults on site.
 - Including parents, guardians and visitors.
- Face coverings are highly recommended for staff in communal areas (unless exempt)
- Parents/Carers are asked to wear face coverings when on the playground to collect children (unless exempt)
- Enhanced ventilation within school
- Carbon Dioxide monitors to ensure appropriate ventilation.
- Enhanced vigilance for symptoms of Covid-19.



Mini Medics

Joe Rice First Aid will be delivering Mini Medics sessions to Snowy Owls and Barn Owls on Friday 4th March to support our PSHE - Keeping Myself Safe. Further information can be found here: [Mini Medics — Joe Rice First Aid Training](#)

Fairtrade Fortnight Conference

We have been invited to join a 'Fairtrade Conference' at St James Primary on Friday 4th March focusing on understanding how climate change is affecting our world. We will send KS2 members of our Student Council to represent the school and learn how we can change our habits to benefit the world around us.

Cross Country – Simmons Park

It was a delight to return to competitive sport on Friday 4th February at Simmons Park Cross Country. All the children represented the school brilliantly, with some outstanding results. Each race had between 40-60 runners. In the Year 3/4 girls race, our runners finished 2nd (Lucy), 4th (Mia), 5th (Molly) and 10th (Ruby) meaning the girls were overall 3/4 Girls winners. The 3/4 boys also did well with Arthur finishing 6th and

Alistair 10th meaning Bridestowe were overall 3/4 winners.

The year 5/6 teams were well represented with Ellenor finishing 2nd and many others in the top 20.

Congratulations to all the children on both their performance and their sportsmanship while representing Bridestowe.

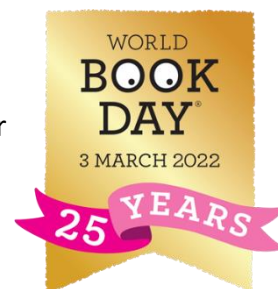
Thank you to the parents who supported the event with transport and cheering!



World Book Day

Thursday March 3rd is World Book Day. Children are invited to join in by 'Reading a Book in an Unusual Place' over half term and taking a photograph to enter our competition. Photos can be brought in or sent via the admin email account. Prizes per age group will be awarded on World Book Day, so think about which book to choose and find an unusual place to read it! Remember to send in your named photos before 3rd March.

We are also planning lots of other book-themed events and activities on the day.



Maths at Home

We are all in the swing of reading at home, but how can we practise maths at home?

EYFS and KS1 children could use games such as [Number Skills - Free Mathematics Game - Teach Your Monster](#) or [1-Minute Maths | White Rose Maths](#).

Year 4 children are expected to quickly recall all of their multiplication facts. Games such as [Multiplication Tables Check - Timestables.co.uk](#) can help with this. Away from a screen, simple counting, times tables, noticing shapes, patterns, and numbers around us are all excellent daily activities.

More information here: [Multiplication tables check: information for parents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Swimming

Well done to all of KS2 who complete their swimming sessions this week. The improvement in all our children has been brilliant to see.

After half term, children in Owlets and Tawny Owls will start lessons on Friday afternoons. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit on Fridays. They may wear PE kit to school with swimwear under on a Friday as it is expected we arrive at the pool 'swim ready'. Please, where possible, can children wear a Bridestowe PE hoodie. Also, it would be helpful if children are not wearing tights or other tight-fitting clothes which may make it difficult for them to dress independently after swimming.

Clubs beginning 28th February

DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUP	TIME	RUN BY
Monday	Yoga	EYFS, KS1	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Mrs Reid
Monday	Forest School Improvement	KS2	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Miss Bryant
Tuesday	Running Club	KS2	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Mrs Lammas & Mrs Harris
Thursday	OCRA Sports	EYFS, KS1	3.15pm – 4.15pm	OCRA coach

Bookings will open on Friday 18th February; please book via School Gateway. Numbers are limited and spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Dates

February 2022

16th Forest School – Owlets and Barn Owls

WB 21st – Half term

28th - Return to school

March 2022

2nd Forest School – Owlets, Tawny and Snowy Owls

3rd – World Book Day

4th – Swimming Lessons start for EYFS and KS1 children.

4th – Fairtrade Conference – St James Primary

4th – Mini Medics for KS2

16th Forest School - Owlets and Barn Owls

23rd Forest School – Owlets, Tawny and Snowy Owls

April 2022

6th Forest School - Owlets and Barn Owls

WB 11th – Easter break

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Whole School Attendance

95.1%

[Vacancies - Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust \(dartmoormat.org.uk\)](http://dartmoormat.org.uk)

Current vacancies include:

- Early Years Foundation Stage TA at Chagford Primary (closing 9th Feb)
 - Trust Governance Clerk (closing 20th Feb)
- Premises Manager Tavistock College (closing 16th Feb)
 - Cleaners across the Trust
 - Catering Assistant at Lydford Primary