



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

**26<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

### **Welcoming back to school**

We are delighted and relieved to be able to welcome all children back to school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. A separate information letter for parents and children will also be coming out today.

The latest lockdown and school and social restrictions have been challenging for everyone, children especially. As we begin preparations for a full return the school staff have been focusing on the school vision: *With respect and ambition we flourish together.*

We will continue to respect and encourage healthy lifestyles physically, mentally and emotionally. Throughout the pandemic we have promoted physical activity through setting challenges and our use of Miss Scullion, our PE specialist. Mental and emotional wellbeing will be our top priority - how our children express themselves, connect with others and build relationships - will be key upon their return. Dedicated teaching sessions to facilitate this will be fun and engaging for the children.

Learning ambition is one of our main functions as a school and this, of course, will be high on our agenda. We have seen some brilliant work completed at home and want to swiftly build upon the positives and recap any weaker areas. The school will be employing lots of research-based strategies to support our children to quickly return to school routines and high-quality learning.

We have seen, more than ever, the children flourish in the things that they love doing at home. Cooking, dance, music, art, singing, sports, for example. It has been a pleasure to see, and we want to keep aspects of this within our curriculum moving forward so that our children can flourish in their passion and skills.

We understand a return to school after such an absence may be daunting for some children, so if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

### **Staffing**

Ms Baker will continue to work from home until the start of her maternity leave as an added precaution due to her pregnancy.

We are pleased to announce that Miss Bryant will be working as class teacher alongside Mrs Harris in Owlets from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Miss Bryant also works at Exbourne C of E Primary School in the EYFS class and is already part of the Trust team.

Miss Bryant said: *Dear Bridestowe Parents and Guardians, I am delighted to be coming to teach at Bridestowe Primary school and cannot wait to meet you and your children. I studied at Plymouth University and graduated as a teacher in 2019. I am extremely creative and love to make my lessons fun and exciting! I love animals and my favourite place to be is anywhere outdoors. I look forward to welcoming you back to school on the 8th March!*

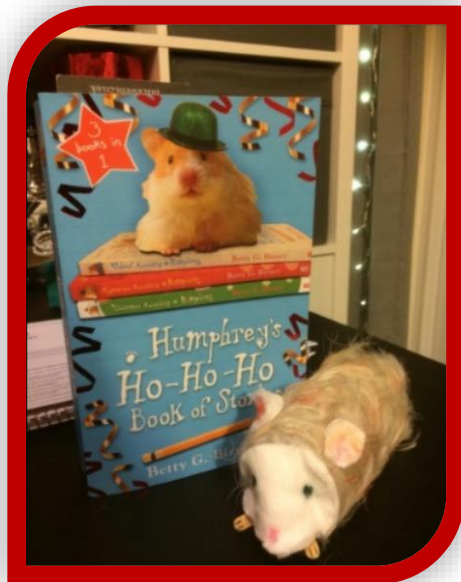
Miss Bryant will be joining this week's live assembly and appearing on your Class Dojo very soon.

## Uniform

All children in school next week should wear full school uniform and bring an extra jumper, and/or wear a white T-shirt underneath their shirts, if they are cold. Non-uniform is not allowed.

## What we have been up to:

### **World Book Day Challenges**



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