



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

**12<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

### **A full return**

It has been an absolute pleasure to have all the children return to school this week. The buzz and noise of the playground and classrooms is a joy to hear. The children have returned extremely positively and engaged in learning and activities brilliantly. We have focused upon ensuring the happiness and wellbeing of our children this week which has been very successful.

There are now only 3 weeks until the Easter break – these weeks will be extremely busy with learning and Easter activities.

As ever, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

### **Online Safety**

We take online safety extremely seriously and want all our children to be safe and secure when using digital devices. Our primary focus for this is education – with discrete online safety lessons throughout the year.

Our recent investment in Chromebooks for the children has caused us to consider how we can monitor what is searched for or browsed on the internet. We have now invested in Smoothwall Monitor – an online system which will identify any concerning text or images which is viewed on a school device or using a school log in.

The system identifies concerning items and takes an automatic screenshot which is sent to the safeguarding lead (Mr Hill) within 10-30 minutes.

### **Comic Relief 2021**

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March we would like children to come to school dressed as a Super Hero to raise money for Comic Relief 2021. This could be a fictional character such as Spiderman or a real-life super hero such as a nurse, doctor or teacher. You could be as creative as you like and even design your own Superhero costume and come to school as ‘Super Sid the hero who saves the school.’

We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 for Comic Relief. If you do not wish to dress up then please wear school uniform. Due to Covid19 measures, it has been decided that we will not collect cash in school this year, and so we ask that you please donate directly to Comic Relief online by following this link:

<https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

### **Swimming**

We are very pleased that Aquastars have agreed to carry over our Spring term booking into the Summer term, beginning in the first week after Easter. Any payments already made, both from Spring 2020 and earlier this year, will be credited to the new dates. Further information to follow.

### **Keeping safe**

Thank you for continuing to follow current [Government guidelines](#) while lockdown is gradually eased. Please remember to socially distance and respect the safety of others and the integrity of school bubbles when dropping off and collecting your children.

## **World Book Day Results**

The entries for the toilet roll WBD characters were amazing! The winners were:

EYFS/KS1 – Evie J for ‘Humphrey the Hamster’

Y3/4 – Ellenor for ‘Marlene’

Y5/6 – Lucia for ‘Harry Potter’

Staff – Mrs Harris for ‘The Snail and The Whale’

Pictures of the winning entries were shared on Class Dojo. Well done everyone.

## **Arbor News**

As we continue with our transition to the new Arbor system, you may notice some changes within School Gateway. School Gateway is still our main method of communication with parents, and all school meals, trips and clubs can be booked here. Next week you will see a duplicate Bridestowe Primary in your School Gateway account. Please ignore this as it is part of the managed change process and nothing will show in the duplicate until the process has been completed, at which time the old version will be removed.

We are also planning to implement Parent Portal within Arbor which will replace SIMS ParentLite, so please no longer try to update any details using ParentLite. If you have any urgent changes to make (new phone number/address/allergies) please contact the school directly.

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## **What we have been up to: Science Week**

Tawny Owls and Owlets have been observing how we can filter water.

Tawny Owls were also investigating how we could slow down the glitter in a snow globe, looking at the density of materials.

Owlets then observed reactions when mixing solutions to create potions.

