



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

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

### **An exciting change**

You will by now be aware of some exciting leadership changes within our Multi Academy Trust. As announced on Tuesday, part of these changes means a confirmation of my role as Principal at Bridestowe and Lydford Primary Schools.

I am delighted to be continuing to lead Bridestowe and am excited about the opportunities these changes afford us. The increased capacity in leadership across our Trust is very welcome and we are seeing some of the true benefits of the MAT. With leaders supporting schools across our Trust we are better able to seek and offer expert advice and support when we need it.

You will have noted that my new role includes leading Lydford Primary as Principal and handing over the leadership baton at Exbourne to Mrs Deirdre Petersen. The new partnership with Lydford is, again, an exciting opportunity to develop and grow local connections and friendships.

Mr Hill

### **Extra-curricular clubs**

Extra-curricular clubs will start again after Easter. Please look out for more details and permissions.

### **Summer term dates**

Please see the diary dates section below as some important dates have been added.

### **Superheroes for Comic Relief!**



### **Breakfast boxes from St Bridget's church**

The church has kindly offered vouchers for breakfast boxes over the Easter holidays to those families in receipt of Free School Meals. Please contact the school office if you would like more information.

### **Easter activities**

The children have been busily engaging in Easter activities this and last week. Look out for a display at the front of school! The Methodist circuit have kindly supplied Easter craft boxes which will be sent home later this week.

### **Forest School**

We are very pleased to be resuming Forest School with Ranger Rob after Easter. FoBS have done an exceptional job of enhancing and refreshing the forest school area but there are still some jobs to do for it to be completely ready for the Summer term. If you are interested in supporting this project, please speak to Jo Pritchard. Many thanks.

### **FoBs Easter Competition**

FoBS have organised a little Easter competition for the holidays. This week each child will bring home a small bag of cress seeds and an entry form with instructions. If you would like additional seeds and entry forms for other family members, please speak to Mrs Lowden or Jo Pritchard.

### **More Superheroes for Comic Relief!**



### **Swimming**

Swimming sessions will begin after Easter and remain on a Friday afternoon. KS2 children will swim every Friday from 23<sup>rd</sup> April until 28<sup>th</sup> May inclusive (6 weeks total). Then, after half term, Reception and KS1 children will swim every Friday from 11<sup>th</sup> June to 16<sup>th</sup> July (6 weeks total). Children will remain within their classroom bubbles both when being transported and during lessons. All Covid19 safety measures will be adhered to by the school, the coach company, and Aqua Stars. The changing rooms and waiting areas will be cleaned and disinfected between groups, and there will be no contact with the general public during any of our sessions. Due to extra cleaning between lessons, children are expected to return to school at around 3.30pm.

We are asking for a small voluntary contribution towards the cost of the sessions of £4.00 per child per week - £24 per half term. Please give consent and pay via School Gateway after 19<sup>th</sup> April. Those families in credit due to cancellations, both for this Spring term and Spring 2020, will have their payments reduced accordingly.

## What we have been up to:



A minute's silence for  
Tuesday's Day of  
Reflection

Snowy Owls made this beautiful bug paradise during break time. They talked through all the insects and bugs that would use this well thought-out environment.



## Diary Dates

### **April**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Last day of Spring term
- 19<sup>th</sup> – First day of Summer term
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Forest school – EYFS, Year 1+2, Year 3
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Swimming, KS2
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Swimming, KS2

### **May**

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Forest school – Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Swimming, KS2
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Swimming, KS2
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Forest school – EYFS, Year 1+2, Year 3
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Swimming, KS2
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Swimming KS2
- WB 31<sup>st</sup> – Half term

### **June**

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Forest school – Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Swimming, EYFS, KS1
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Swimming, EYFS, KS1
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Forest school – EYFS, Year 1+2, Year 3
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Swimming, EYFS, KS1

### **July**

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> – Residential for Year 5+6
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Swimming, EYFS, KS1
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Forest school – Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Swimming, EYFS, KS1
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Sports day
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Swimming, EYFS, KS1
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Forest school – EYFS, Year 1+2, Year 3
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Last day of term

## Attendance

**95.1%**

Mr A. Hill – Principal

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