

**Continuing to flourish**

Each term of this academic year has been unique to any others that have gone before. The first half of the summer term has rushed past in a blur but when we take time to pause and reflect, we can see the huge amount of learning, personal development and progress we have made in the last 6 weeks. Attendance since return on March 8<sup>th</sup> has averaged at 97.6% - a brilliant tribute to the joy with which our children come to school. We are slowly, cautiously returning to some level of normality and are planning many exciting events for the second half of the summer term – look out for more details.

**Recycling Workshops**

We were delighted to welcome the Devon Waste Education team to school last week to run workshops with the children on recycling and waste reduction. Learning how to care for our planet and environments is a vital part of our curriculum.



Recycling Workshop

**Swimming**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May will be the last swimming session for Snowy and Barn Owls. Thank you to the children for such brilliant participation and behaviour throughout. Please ensure you have completed payment in School Gateway.

Owlets and Tawny Owls will start their swimming sessions on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Payment can be made via School Gateway from 28<sup>th</sup> May. To make the most of our time at the pool we are asking that children are 'swim-ready' before leaving school. With this in mind we are relaxing uniform requirements for Owlets and Tawny Owls children on Fridays. Your child is encouraged to wear their swimwear under their PE kit or tracksuit bottoms and hoodie/sweatshirt, and bring a towel, goggles and underwear in a swim bag. If your child doesn't want to wear swimwear in this way, they will be able to change in school before departure, but are still asked to wear PE kit for ease of dressing. All children will change at the pool before returning to school. School staff will be entering the water with the children to ensure enjoyment and safety.

**Hay Festival**

The world-famous Hay Festival of reading and writing is happening this week in Hay, Wales. With many of the events moved to an online format we can take part remotely. Thank you to Mrs Lammas who has organised the following author talks:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1	Joseph Coelho (poetry)	Maria Isabel (inspirational people)	Simon Mole (poetry)	KS1 Michael Hollant (non-fiction plants)	Rashmi Sirdeshpande
KS2	Matt Lucas (Silly Prank Book)	David Baddiel (adventure)	Zanib Mian (cartoon comedy)	Alex Wharton and Katy Riddell (poetry)	Patience Agbabi (poetry/fiction)

## **Sports Day**

The date for Sports Day has changed to Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, and we apologise for any inconvenience. This is to allow Y6 children to take part in their final Sports Day at Bridestowe, and also to attend taster days at Okehampton College, about which we were informed after we had set the initial date.

## **Transition**

**Year 6 transition** - Meeting for parents, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 6.00pm at Okehampton College.

Student Transition Days to the College, Wednesday, 7 July and Thursday, 15 July 2021 for two full taster days. Details have already been sent to relevant parents.

**September Starters Transition Dates** - More information being sent to families this week.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm – 3.15pm

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm – 3.15pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 11.45am - 3.15pm (arrive in time for lunch)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 11.45am – 3.15pm (arrive in time for lunch)

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 08.50am – 3.15pm (all day to include lunch)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 08.50am – 3.15pm (all day to include lunch)

## **The COVID Local Support Grant is now available until 20th June 2021.**

This is designed to directly help families and individuals who have been hardest hit by the coronavirus pandemic.

Under this fund, Early Help is able to provide a grant per family to support with:

- Providing vouchers for food and personal items.
- Supporting with energy and water bills for household purposes.
- With other requests clearly linking to the priorities of the fund grants can be provided for essential white goods such as a cooker, fridge or freezer.

The criteria set by Early Help is as follows.

- You are a family (at least 2 people where at least 1 person is either pre-birth or up to 18 years old)
- You are experiencing financial hardship linked to or independent of COVID (e.g. unemployed, furloughed, being made redundant)
- You need financial help associated with keeping your family warm and fed
- You need financial help associated with purchasing essential items

Please email [admin@bridestoweprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@bridestoweprimary.org.uk) for more information.



## **Change of email addresses**

Please note that the school email address has now changed to [admin@bridestoweprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@bridestoweprimary.org.uk)

Mr Hill's email has also changed to [ahill@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:ahill@dmatschools.org.uk)

## Dates

### **May**

24<sup>th</sup> – Snowy Owls Parent Consultations  
25<sup>th</sup> – Tawny Owls Parent Consultations  
26<sup>th</sup> – Barn Owls Parent Consultations  
26<sup>th</sup> – Parents' forum – 17.00  
27<sup>th</sup> – Owlets Parent Consultations  
WB 24<sup>th</sup> – Hay Festival author visits (Virtual)  
31<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June – Half term

### **June**

9<sup>th</sup> – Forest school – Year 4, Year 5, Year 6  
10<sup>th</sup> – Sept Starters transition, pm only  
WB 14<sup>th</sup> – Bikeability, Year 4 and 6.  
17<sup>th</sup> – Sept Starters transition, pm only  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Forest school – EYFS, Year 1+2, Year 3  
24<sup>th</sup> – Sept Starters transition, 11.45am – 3.00pm

### **July**

1<sup>st</sup> – Y6 transition parent meeting, 6pm  
Okehampton College  
1<sup>st</sup> – Sept Starters transition, 11.45am – 3.00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> – Residential for Year 5+6  
6<sup>th</sup> – Forest school – Year 4, Year 5, Year 6  
7<sup>th</sup> – Y6 taster day at Okehampton College  
8<sup>th</sup> – Sept Starters transition, all day  
13<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day  
15<sup>th</sup> – Y6 taster day at Okehampton College  
15<sup>th</sup> – Sept Starters transition, all day  
19<sup>th</sup> – Forest school – EYFS, Year 1+2, Year 3  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Last day of term

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## Attendance

**95.8%**