

### Kindness and Peace

Today is Guru Nanak Gurburab – a Sikh holy day celebrating the birth of the first Sikh, Guru Nanak. Sikh teachings focus on the importance of truth, kindness and peace which match our ambitions as a school to develop citizens of the future who support and promote our moral values.

Recent events including Remembrance and Children in Need show our commitment to supporting others and thinking beyond our own experiences.

### Remembrance

The children respectfully marked the 11<sup>th</sup> of November with a moment of silence and laying of wreaths at the memorial in the church yard. Thank you to all parents and members of the community who joined us.

### Parent Forum

As previously advertised – we are pleased to host a Parent Forum on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am in the school.

Parents and carers are welcome to pose questions relating to *school wide* items at the forum. You may pose questions for discussion even if you are unable to attend by emailing them in advance to [admin@bridestoweprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@bridestoweprimary.org.uk)

*Please note – if you wish to raise a question, concern or issue regarding personal circumstances or your children solely, this should be done by contacting your class teacher.*

### Swimming

We are pleased that we will begin swimming lessons for all children in the Spring Term. Snowy and Barn Owls will swim for 6 weeks up to the half term break, and then Owlets and Tawny Owls up until the Easter holidays, also for 6 sessions. FoBS have generously donated towards the cost of transport, and this means parents will be requested to pay only £20 per child for the full 6 weeks. More information will follow soon.



### Children in Need

The children all enjoyed helping raise funds for Children in Need today by wearing something spotty and taking part in special activities in class. Donations in school raised £28.32. If you haven't yet donated, you can do so online at: [Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)

### 160 Years Anniversary

Next year will mark the 160th year of the School! As part of this we would like to collate photographs and memories from past students over the years. We would really appreciate everyone's help in gathering as much information as we can.

This will provide a great learning opportunity for the children

and allow them to find out about the history of the school and the changes which have taken place. Please pass any information, photos or contacts to the school office.

### **Attendance monitoring and reporting to parents**

The school and our Trust have been undertaking a review of our procedures for attendance monitoring and reporting to parents. Our primary aim is for children to have good attendance in school and to support families to ensure this.

Attendance will continue to be monitored daily in classes with a weekly check undertaken by our attendance officer (Mr Hill). At this weekly check, a child's attendance which is causing concern will result in a verbal conversation between parents and the attendance officer to ascertain any barriers to attendance and what support the school can offer.

If attendance fails to improve, continues to be a concern, and 10 school sessions (1 session is half a day) have been missed, a written notification will be sent to parents, followed by two further written notifications at 15 sessions missed, and finally for the involvement of the Educational Welfare Officer.

These new procedures put more emphasis on communication between school and parents with support offered at every point.

### **Website and Blog**

Be sure to check out the classes blog on our new website at [BRIDESTOWE PRIMARY SCHOOL - Devon \(bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](http://BRIDESTOWE PRIMARY SCHOOL - Devon (bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk))

### **Upcoming Events for Parents, Carers and the Community**

**Christmas Nativity Play – 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2.00pm.** Parents, carers and members of the community are invited to join us at the Methodist Chapel for our Owlets and Tawny Owls Nativity performance. FoBS are planning a mulled wine and mince pie event afterwards.

**Carol Service – 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm.** Parents, carers and members of the community are invited to join us at St Bridget's Church for carols sung by all the children.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **November**

25<sup>th</sup> – Parent Forum 09.15

26<sup>th</sup> – Open the Book assembly

#### **December**

1<sup>st</sup> – Forest school – EYFS, Years 1,2, 3 and 4

3<sup>rd</sup> – Open the Book assembly

7<sup>th</sup> – Flu Immunisations

10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day (£1 suggested donation)

10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch

13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Play – 2pm in Methodist Chapel

14<sup>th</sup>\* – Forest School – EYFS, Y5 and 6 (\*change of date)

14<sup>th</sup> – Carol singing – 2.30pm in St Bridget's Church

15<sup>th</sup> – Key Stage 2 Theatre Trip. Leaving at 11am, returning approx. 4.30pm.

17<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term.

WB 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Break

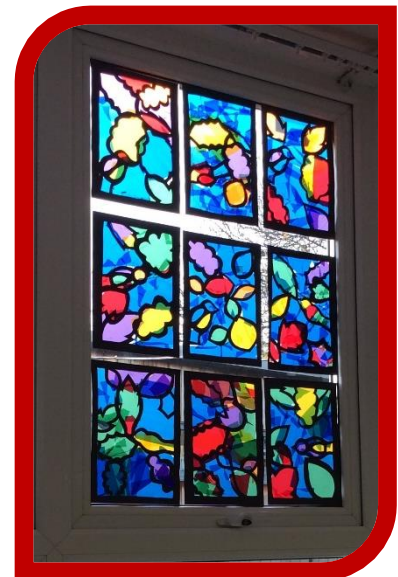
#### **January 2022**

5<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return

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Snowy Owls have worked with Mrs Houghton and Mrs Butler to create these beautiful pieces of art for the classroom.

**Whole School Attendance**

**95.9%**