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Bridestowe Primary School – With Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

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Shhh...don't mention Christmas!

It's hard to believe we are into November already – where has this year gone! Christmas is fast approaching and whilst many will be wishing not to start thinking about this too early, we have a number of events and activities planned to celebrate Christmas with our community.

Have a look at the Dates section below for all the upcoming events where parents and carers will be welcome to join us – restrictions permitting. You can also check our calendar on the school website.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Sharland

You are sure to join us in congratulating Mr and Mrs Sharland on the birth of their son, Parker John Sharland, on Monday 1st November.

Mrs Sharland and Parker are doing well and we hope to be able to meet Parker in person in the near future.

Police Dog

Earlier this week we were joined by Gwen, the trainee police dog. The children loved meeting Gwen and hearing about how she will be used to help the police with their important work. Thank you to Jo Pritchard for facilitating the visit.



Forest School

Forest School has been in full swing this term with Ranger Rob. Recent sessions have included Clay Faces, campfires and willow weaving. Remember – photos of recent events can be seen on the new school website Classes Blog at [BRIDESTOWE PRIMARY SCHOOL - Devon \(bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](http://BRIDESTOWE PRIMARY SCHOOL - Devon (bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk))

Open Afternoon

A reminder of our upcoming open afternoon on Tuesday 16th November. A chance for new parents of September 2022 children to visit the school and see the outstanding education and care we provide. There is no need to book, this is an open invitation for all new parents for arrival between 1.15pm and 5pm.

Lunches

We now have a new, simplified school menu focused on fresh and healthy produce. Our Trust's new Executive Chef, Steve Parr, stated:

We have recently implemented a simplified menu with the focus on delicious, nutritious and freshly prepared meals which are healthy and deliverable. The menu is called "Starter Menu" as it is intended to be our highly deliverable starting position.

A DMAT simplified menu has been put in front of 13 schools, approximately 1000 students.

One of the main drivers of implementing the simplified menu is to reduce the risk of human error. The SchoolComms outputs rely on human interpretation / calculation which will inevitably be wrong some of the time. This can be especially concerning where students have allergies. I believe we can improve everybody's experience [and the food] by streamlining the process.

All meat is to be sourced from Martins Butchers in Okehampton (possible exception for residual stock which should be used-up first). I do not want any of my units serving processed meats.

The bread is to be sourced from Ellis Bakers in Tavistock and 'fresh goods' as local as possible. Using such local suppliers enables us to cook and serve our offering usually on the day of delivery.

Miss Pearman

We have welcomed a new member of staff to the Bridestowe team - Miss Pearman has joined us on a 6-month Kickstart apprenticeship programme and will be working as a teaching assistant in the school.

Miss Pearman has already settled in to working alongside children and staff this week, and is proving a valuable addition to the school.



Website and Blog

Don't forget to check the classes blog on our new website at [BRIDESTOWE PRIMARY SCHOOL - Devon \(bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](https://www.bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Road Safety Show – Stop, Look and Listen

This afternoon we will be joined by the Road Safety Show for all the children. The event will give the children key safety messages about road safety, especially as the evenings darken into the winter.

Recent Visits

As part of the school's ongoing ambition to be the best it can be, we have welcomed many advisors and support professionals to the school recently including EYFS, Early Reading and Phonics, Maths and Safeguarding. In all visits the school has been highly praised and given specific targets to continue our improvement.

Thank you to all the staff and children for working so hard to make our school the special place it is.

Cooperative Promise School Consultation

Earlier this week, your child would have brought home a letter regarding the consultation process for our Trust's new free school The Cooperative Promise School. This 4-16 provision for children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs is desperately required in our area. Please respond to the consultation as all our voices are essential in getting the correct provision for our children. The consultation can be completed here: [Statutory Section 10 Consultation - The Promise Co-operative School \(office.com\)](https://www.cooperativepromise.com)

Upcoming events for Parents, Carers and the Community

Remembrance service – 11th November, 11am. The children will congregate around the war memorial at 11am in the churchyard to mark a minute's silence, recite poetry and lay wreaths. Reverend Adrian Brook will join us for a blessing and prayer. All members of the community are welcome to join us.

Open Afternoon – 16th November, 1.15 - 5.00pm. Parents of new September 2022 starters are invited to visit the school to see the outstanding education and care we provide for our children and community.

Christmas Nativity Play – 13th 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 Singing – 14th December, 2.30pm. Parents, carers and members of the community are invited to join us at St Bridget's Church for carols sung by the all children.

Dates

November

- 11th – Remembrance service in Churchyard – 11am
- 15th – Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying week (no donation)
- 17th – Forest School Years 5,6 and EYFS.
- 19th – Children in Need – Wear something Spotty (£1 suggested donation)
- 26th – Open the book assembly

December

- 1st – Forest school – EYFS, Years 1,2,3 and 4
- 3rd – Open the book assembly
- 10th – Christmas Jumper Day (£1 suggested donation)
- 13th – KS1 Christmas Play – 2pm in Methodist Chapel
- 14th – Carol Singing – 2.30pm in St Bridget's Church
- 15th – Key Stage 2 Theatre Trip. Leaving at 11am, returning approx. 4.30pm.
- 16th – Christmas Dinner Day
- 17th – Last day of term
- WB 20th – Christmas Break

January 2022

- 5th – Pupils return

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Whole School Attendance

95.6%



A message from FoBS:

The "Friends of Bridestowe School" (FoBS) play a vital role in helping raise funds; everyone with a child at Bridestowe school is automatically a member. We've been running for many years and our aim is to support the education of the pupils by assisting in the provision of facilities not normally provided by the LEA, for example school trips, play equipment and our recent focus has been on improving the environmental area. We meet regularly to plan fundraising ideas and would love to welcome new parents. Our next meeting is planned for **Monday 10th January 2022** at 7.30pm in The White Hart. In the meantime, we keep in touch and share ideas using our Facebook page - search Friends of Bridestowe School (FOBS) and join the group to stay in touch and up to date with what we're doing. We hope to see you there!

Christmas Table Decoration Workshop with Tricia Richardson

Back by popular demand we will be running this fantastic workshop again at the Methodist Hall on **Tuesday 14th December 7.30pm**. Come along and make your very own beautiful seasonal table centrepiece whilst enjoying a festive tippie! Tickets will be £15 which includes the workshop and all the equipment and supplies you need to create your beautiful centrepiece, also a glass of mulled wine or Prosecco, and a mince pie. If you would like to join in but are unable to make the workshop we will be selling the kits for £10 (you need to provide your own foliage) and there is an online video for you to make your centrepiece at home. If you would like a beautiful table decoration but don't have time to make your own Tricia has kindly offered to provide ready-made ones again, with local delivery in time for Christmas - these will be £15. Full details to follow soon, but for now please save the date if you can - it's a really fun and festive evening and all proceeds go to FoBS.

FoBS Meeting Minutes - 01/11/2021

Attached with the newsletter