



# Bridestowe Primary School

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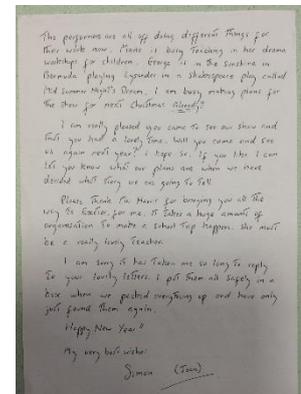
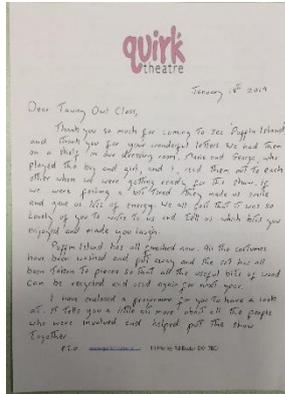
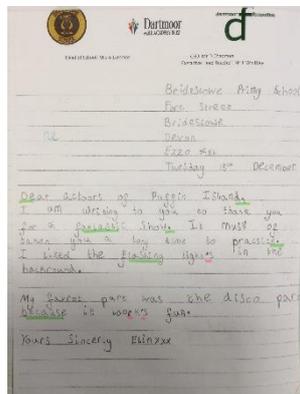
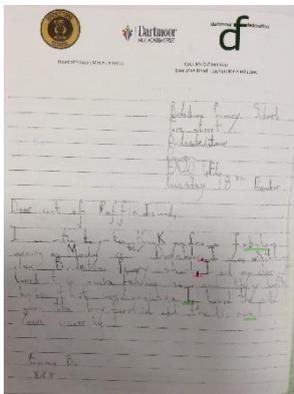
Spring Week 5: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Whole School Attendance: 96.3%

Dear Parents/Carers,

After all the excitement of the snow last week, we are happy to have had a settled few days here at Bridestowe! Thank you for your understanding and patience during the school closures.

We received a reply from the 'Puffin Island' theatre company this week and the children enjoyed reading the response to the letters they wrote before Christmas. They were very excited to open and read the letter.



On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, Tawny Owls visited Springfields. They spent an hour interviewing residents about what transport was like in the past. We found out lots of interesting information including the fact that cars didn't have seat belts and most people walked or rode a bicycle to get around. The children had some really lovely chats and were very sensible and respectful throughout our visit. Springfields kindly treated us to biscuits and squash and everyone really enjoyed the afternoon.



In sporting events, Tuesday saw all our Year 3 children attend a gym and dance festival at Okehampton College. The children took part in trampolining and dance with Ellodie, along with multi-sports activities.

Some Bridestowe children attended the Ability Games held in Barnstaple on Wednesday. They had the opportunity to try out a number of different activities, including musical instrument making, festival group skills, balloon modelling, side-winder riding, and Taiko drumming. They very much enjoyed themselves and came back very happy, and with a souvenir T-shirt each.

We were very proud of all our children at these events – their fantastic behaviour was a credit to the school. Thank you very much to Miss Pridham who helped transport children on both occasions. Without parents' help we wouldn't be able to provide pupils with these fantastic opportunities.



On Thursday our Year 6s attended the Annual Rotary Quiz. Bridestowe Team 2 came 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Bridestowe Team 1 finishing a close 4<sup>th</sup>. The scoring throughout was very tight with only a very few points separating all the teams. The teams were faced with some very tough questions, such as 'Who was King of England in 1016?', and they performed superbly against much larger schools. The children thoroughly enjoyed the evening and are very proud of their achievement, as we all are.

Best Wishes,  
Bridestowe Staff



## Achievements



**Care & Courtesy:** Noah S, Travis, Maisie, Isla E

**Worker:** MJ, Ayla, Mia E, Millie

**Behaviour:** Isla W, Dextah, Molly Ea, Arthur

**Outside Achievements:** Congratulations to Noah S for completing Stage 6 at swimming!

### Diary Dates

#### February

11<sup>th</sup> – Federation Netball/Football vs South

Tawton, 4.00pm

13<sup>th</sup> – FoBS Meeting & Quiz Night, White Hart,  
7.00pm

14<sup>th</sup> – Parent Forum, 5.00 – 6.00pm

15<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Half Term

25<sup>th</sup> – Pupils Return to School

#### March

4<sup>th</sup> – Federation Football/Netball vs North

Tawton, 4.00pm

5<sup>th</sup> – Y5/6 Cyclo-Cross

### School Routines

Staff arrive on the back playground at 08.50am, and then children line up to be taken to their classrooms at 9.00am. As staff will be setting up classrooms in readiness for the start of the day, and in order to encourage responsibility and autonomy in the children, we ask that parents do not bring pupils and their belongings directly into the school buildings, especially before the start of the school day. Staff are available for a brief chat on the playground in the mornings, but if you would like a longer discussion, please make an appointment.

On collecting at the end of school, please can parents of Key Stage 1 children wait on the school side of the wall to ensure that children leave through the school gate with an adult. Children's safety is paramount.

Thank you for your continued support.

### FoBS Meeting & Quiz Night - Wednesday 13th February 7pm

Everyone is invited to join in the The White Hart's monthly quiz night, and especially February's as it is in aid of FoBS! Please come along, have a good time and show your support for the school.

There will be a quick fundraising meeting 7 - 7:45pm - please help us help the school and make it the best we can for our kids. Then, stay and have a go at the quiz, just £2 per person, plenty of teams to join!

Raffle prizes are gratefully received on the night or to the school office before the 13th.

### Parent Forum

The next Parent Forum is scheduled for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 5.00 – 6.00pm at the school. It will be led by Mr Whittle. If you have anything you would like to add to the agenda, please inform Mrs Lowden in the office. Thank you

### Treetops Vacancy

Preschool assistant to cover staff leave, temporary position.

16 hours per week

Level 2/3 qualification needed. Immediate start subject to DBS clearance.

All enquiries to Treetops via [treetopscildcare@btconnect.com](mailto:treetopscildcare@btconnect.com)

### Owlets News



This week in maths, Owlets have been exploring repeating and symmetrical patterns using lots of practical resources.

They have enjoyed lots of partner work in this exercise.

In topic learning the children painted and designed underpants to create their very own 'underpants washing line', linking to our story of 'Aliens Love Underpants'.

Yesterday, we also learned all about Chinese New Year and made our own dragons!

