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Friday 9th September 2016

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year, and a warm welcome to all our new families joining Bidwell Brook School. I trust you all had a lovely summer.

Parents Evening - The Autumn Term kicks off with Parents Evening, which will be held this year on Wednesday 21st September. Letters and forms to be completed and returned to school are being sent home soon.

Staff are very kindly offering a crèche facility, as well as running a café and providing opportunities to meet with outside professionals and support staff from around the school. We look forward seeing as many of you as possible during the evening.

Permission Packs - These will be sent to you over the next week or so. I appreciate these packs are lengthy, but it is difficult for us to include your child in some activities until we have your signed permission. We would be very grateful if you could take the time to complete all the forms and return them to school as soon as possible after receipt. Thank you for your co-operation.

Emails - To reduce paper consumption, it is our intention to send every newsletter via email. If you have provided us with an email address, we will use this to distribute the fortnightly newsletter. Paper copies will only be provided on request. Copies of newsletters will also be available on our website each week. Thank you.

Allergies - As a school we are committed to meeting all clinical and faith based dietary needs and where possible will work with parents and carers to meet preferences. Keeping us informed of changes to each child's dietary needs and/or preferences is key to our ability to do this.

- Dates
2016**
- Monday 12th September - School Photographer
 - Wednesday 21st September - Parents Evening
 - Monday 24th October - Half Term



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Term Dates 2017-2018 - Please find these attached to this newsletter.

Snack & Cooking Costs - Autumn Term 2016

Please find below the cost for Snack & Cooking for the Autumn Term. Whilst these contributions are voluntary this is an instance where we rely upon the support of parents/carers to provide a valuable activity within the school.

| Class | Rainbow | Green / Yellow / Purple / S1 / S2 / S3 / S4 / FE1 / FE2 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Weekly | £2.00 | £3.00 |
| 1st Half Term(7 weeks) | £14.00 | £21.00 |
| 2nd Half Term(7 weeks) | £14.00 | £21.00 |
| Total for Term (14 weeks) | £28.00 | £42.00 |

All payments for Snack & Cooking should be sent into school along with the orange payment card. Please make cheques payable to **Devon County Council**.
Alternatively you can pay online at www.scopay.com/bidwellbrook.

Autumn Term school meals charges

Please find below the cost of school meals for the Autumn Term 2016. You are able to pay either by cash or cheque or online.

| | Junior | Senior |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Daily | £2.40 | £2.50 |
| Weekly | £12.00 | £12.50 |
| 1 st Half Term (34 Days) | £81.60 | £85.00 |
| 2 nd Half Term (34 Days) | £81.60 | £85.00 |
| Full Term | £163.20 | £170.00 |



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Up and Coming Events & Useful Information

Apps

A free phone app to help disabled people and visitors plan trips is now available on the Apple and Android platforms. [See Around Britain](#) includes more than 500,000 photographs of facilities such as toilets, access information and disabled parking at points of interest. Click on the link above to find out more.

Disability Grants

A new book from Disability Grants: ["Additional Help for Additional Needs- Grants for Disabled Children"](#) Ideal for professionals supporting families with a child with additional needs, click on the link to find out more information.

Positive About Autism

A round up of information regarding Autism is available at: <http://us1.campaign-archive1.com/?u=fc6624a2c9603fa0cf2a88bd9&id=b027d9198f&e=525921f1b6>

Enjoy the weekend,

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqui Warne".

Jacqui Warne
Executive Head