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Friday 21st October 2016

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is half term, with the pupils returning to school on Monday 31st October. As you can see from the diary, we have planned our Christmas performances, Christmas Bazaar and booked a date for our fabulous Christmas Lunch! More details on these events will follow during the next half term.

Bidwell Brook Website - Danny Bentham, our IT Manager, brought into school a Trail Camera for capturing images and videos of wildlife. Danny and Alex, from our Rural Skills Team, set up the camera in the woodland area by the allotment to show our pupils the types of animals that live nearby. We've captured quite a few animals on film and you can watch the video on the school website: http://bidwellbrook.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Nature_Camera-Video-Oct_2016.mp4 Thanks Danny and Alex!

Dates
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- Monday 24th October - Half Term
- Monday 31st October - Pupils return to school
- Monday 28th November - Occasional day school closed
- Friday 16th December - Last day of term
- Wednesday 4th January - Pupils return to school

On to other news from around the school:

Message from Raegan - If your child sends a sling into school, please could you ensure that it has been safety checked and tagged by PLUS and that the tag is in date, as we are unable to use slings in school that have an out of date tag on it.

The number to contact is: 01392224440, PLUS will come to your home to carry out the safety check. Thank you.



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Message from Danny Bentham & Georgie Benjafield:

Our Class Blogs have moved to a new location. You can access the Class Blogs via our school website using the 'Class Pages' dropdown menu.

To access the Class Blogs page you will need to enter a password which is available in the emailed version of this newsletter.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to email Georgie: gbenjafield@bidwellbrook.devon.sch.uk or Danny: it@bidwellbrook.devon.sch.uk

Talent Show and Disco

On the afternoon of Friday 4th November, by request of the students there will be a 'Bidwell's Got Talent' show, followed by an 'Autumn Extravaganza Disco'. In the words of one of our student councillors "People can bring something to wear. Please try not to frighten the other children with your costume".

Further details will follow after the half-term holiday.

Up and coming Events

The Turning Tides Project

Are you looking for a chance to be involved in an inclusive football team in the Crediton area? Why not go along to Turning Tides? This inclusive team train on Mondays from 6pm - 7pm at Queen Elizabeth School,



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Western Road, EX17 3LU. For more information contact the Turning Tides Project on 01363 772512 or visit www.theturningtidesproject.org.uk

Life Works October Half Term Programme.

Three exciting opportunities for young people age 12-25 this Autumn Half Term:

Saturday 22 October 2016 - Young Film Makers workshop. Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm COST: Free 10 places only. Venue: Studio 33, hex and gym, Park road, Dartington Hall estate. Lifeworks would like to invite young people age 16 and over interested in creative 'stuff': could be film, design, dance, drama or any type of 'making' to come together and explore the idea of making an art film. Lunch will be provided.

Tuesday 25 October 2016 - Coasteering at Berry Head
Time: 10.30am - 3.00pm. Venue: Grenville House, Berry Head, Berry House, Berry Head road, Brixham, TQ5 9AF Lunch: Bring snacks for two breaks & hot chocolate will be provided at the end of the day. Cost: £20 for the day. 12 places available for young people age 12 and over. By popular demand, but with winter wetsuits supplied, the group will be taking to the water with Outdoor Education Centre Grenville House. The coastline between Breakwater Beach and Berry Head offers a variety of challenges and is ideal for a first time experience. The day also includes 1 hour on the Grenville House Climbing Wall.

Wednesday 26 October 2016 -Zoo Quest at Paignton Zoo
Time: 10.30am-3.pm Lunch: Bring a packed lunch.
Cost: £20 for the day. 12 places available for young people age 12 and over.

An exciting, interactive quest with drama, music, arts and crafts. This amazing adventure involves a completely new look at Paignton Zoo's history and has been devised by young people and practising artists. For more details please contact: sarah-janelowson@lifeworks-uk.org or Tel: 07779 441 986

Appcessible

This is a not for profit organisation that wants to help users get the most out of their devices. They have carefully scoured the internet for the best and most useful applications for your Apple iPad & iPhone and your Android phones & tablets. Whether it's an app to help you find the nearest disability friendly toilet on your smartphone or an app to offer support around challenging behaviour, their goal is to provide the best and latest



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apps on one easy to use website. There's no charge for using Appcessible and they include both free and paid apps. To find out more go to: www.appcessible.org or email: hello@appcessible.org You can also "Like" them on FaceBook and follow them on Twitter.

Afasic

This organisation support parents and represent children and young people with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN). They have downloads, support and advice online and a dedicated Helpline: 0845 3555577 Have a look at their website: <http://www.afasic.org.uk/>

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 31st October. Enjoy the half term break.

Kind Regards

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

Jacqui Warne
Executive Head

Attachments with this newsletter:

Free Mouth Cancer Screening events taking place in Torbay and South Devon. Details of the The Devon Autism Alert Card available from Dimensions for Living.