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Friday 19th May 2017

No 16

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last Family Newsletter before the half term holiday. Our final day is next Friday, 26th May, half term week is w/c 29th May 2017 and we look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 5th June.

Dates
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- Monday 29th May - Half Term week
- Saturday 1st July - Summer Fete
- Tuesday 25th July - Last day of Term
- Wednesday 6th September - Pupils return

Jubilee Challenge - Since our last newsletter, selected pupils and staff from both schools have taken part in the Jubilee Challenge. This involved camping out on Dartmoor overnight and then walking miles the following day. The Jubilee Challenge takes a lot of planning, organisation and commitment from everyone involved and our pupils had a really positive experience, one which they will always remember with pride. Having spoken to the pupils, they were very happy of their achievements - well done everyone!

Ellen Tinkham School - Increasing Pupil Numbers - The consultation to increase pupil numbers at Ellen Tinkham School from 155 to 180 from September 2017, will begin after the 25th of May 2017. If you would like to respond to the consultation, you can email schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk after this date, or call Shona Meeks on 01392 383000 for further information. Thank you.

On to other news from around the school:

Rural skills and work experience group

We are looking for any unwanted gardening tools, gloves, trowels, wheelbarrows etc. for our group. If anyone has any we would be very grateful. Many thanks.



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Sainsbury Vouchers/Active Kids Vouchers

Please don't forget if you have any Active Kids vouchers please send them in. They can still be donated to Bidwell Brook Special School until 30 June. Please ask any family, friends and neighbours if they have them and send them into the school office, every voucher counts towards brand new cooking and sports equipment.

What's On

Disabled Living Newsletter

Please find below the link to follow for the Disabled Living Newsletter which contains lots of information.

https://issuu.com/disabledliving/docs/may_2017?e=26748259/48451600

Life Works Summer half term activities 2017

Tuesday 30th May 10am-4pm DEER PARK ARTS ADVENTURE: Make a costume and rehearse a performance for the Medieval Pageant on Dartington Community Day.

Wednesday 31st May 10am-4pm DARTINGTON WOODLAND ADVENTURE: High ropes - Zip wire - Archery + a woodland picnic with homemade honey cake.

Thursday 01 June 10am-4pm DARTINGTON COMMUNITY DAY: A woodland performance in the Medieval Pageant. Also make yourself a hobby-horse for the splendid horseback display + an invite to participate in the SPLENDID HOBBY HORSE DISPLAY 3.30-4.15pmish

To book contact Sarah-Jane Lowson E-mail: sarah-janelowson@lifeworks-uk.org or Telephone: 0750 086 0288



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Blue Light Day

Thursday 22 June, 10am -2pm, Matford Centre, Matford Park Rd, Marsh Barton

Trading Estate, EX2 8FD. This is a big annual event for people with disabilities in Devon, offering them and their families/carers opportunities to get information, help and advice about all the types of support available in their local communities, including the emergency services, the NHS, and private organisations. As well as information and networking, there are activities going on all day and lots to do and see.

Friends & Families of special children Enable Conference

Friday 23rd June 2017 from 9.30am - 2.45pm Plymouth Guildhall. Included in the day will be four workshops

1. Prospect PBS - Challenging behaviour workshop
2. Divine Blossom Therapies - Functional Reflexology for children with SEN
3. Blue Sky Therapies - Sensory Integration workshop with Richard Woolliams
4. REACCH - using visual structure to support children and Young People

Pre booking is essential for each workshop, so when booking, please list the workshops in order of preference in the comments box and we will do our best to accommodate your top two choices.

Book online via www.friendsandfamilies.org.uk

Circus Starr & All the Fun of the Fair

Please see the attached flier for details of free tickets to these two events.

Enjoy the weekend.

Kind Regards

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

Jacqui Warne
Executive Head