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**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**No 16**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents Evening - Thank you to everyone who met with the teachers and staff at this term's Parents Evening on Wednesday. If you have any questions regarding your child's education during the term, please contact your Class Teacher.

**Dates  
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- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Plant Sale
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term week
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Summer Fete
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of Term
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Pupils return

Jubilee Challenge - This weekend, pupils from across Bidwell Brook School and Ellen Tinkham School will be making their way to Okehampton to take part in the Jubilee Challenge. The students and staff have been busy preparing for the overnight camping, and have worked really hard to get fit for the following day's hike. Good luck everyone and I look forward to seeing you finish your walk!

Consultation to Increase Pupil Numbers - The consultation is progressing to increase pupil numbers from 95 to 110 as from September 2017. A copy of the Full Proposal has been sent home, and is also available to read on our website.

Warmer Weather - Please ensure you send your child into school with a named water bottle and a bottle of sun cream for staff to apply as needed throughout the day. Thank you for your co-operation.

**On to other news from around the school:**

**Active Kids Vouchers**

**PLEASE SUPPORT US:** Active Kids vouchers can no longer be collected from Sainsbury's, but 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.



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**REMINDER:**

Please find below the cost of school meals for the Summer Term 2017. You are able to pay either by cash or cheque or online.

	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Senior</b>
Daily	£2.40	£2.50
Weekly	£12.00	£12.50
1 <sup>st</sup> Half Term (27 Days)	£64.80	£67.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term (37 Days)	£88.80	£92.50
<b>Full Term</b>	<b>£153.60</b>	<b>£160.00</b>

**FOR INFO:**

All school meals are payable **in advance**, please send your payment in with the orange payment card. Alternatively please pay online at [www.scopay.co.uk/Bidwell](http://www.scopay.co.uk/Bidwell)

Please make cheques payable to **Devon County Council**.

**Snack & Cooking - Summer Term 2017**

Please find below the costs for Snack & Cooking for the current half 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.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Rainbow</b>	<b>Yellow / Green / Purple / S1 / S2 / S3 / S4 / FE1 / FE2</b>
Weekly	£2.00	£3.00
Total for Current Half Term(6 weeks)	£12.00	£18.00



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All payments should be sent into school along with the orange payment card either weekly or at the beginning of the half-term. Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council. Alternatively you can pay online at [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com).

# What's On

## **Ivybridge Donkey Sanctuary**

Annual Summer Fair, from 10am - 3pm on Saturday 3rd June 2017.

The whole family can enjoy watching donkey activities and care demonstrations in the main donkey arena throughout the day.

Other activities include: a dog show and dog agility, funfair, stalls and traders. Wildlife information stands, attractions, games to play and prizes to be won.

There will be lots to see and do for the whole family. Delicious refreshments will be available including a BBQ. For more information or to book a stall please call the Ivybridge centre on 01752 690200.

## **Breaking the Barrier**

Event Dates - 2017: Surfing at Polzeath: Saturday 3rd June, Surfing at Saunton: Saturday 1st July, Cycling at Torbay Velopark: Saturday 29 July, Trampolining at Bodmin Ibounce: Saturday 5th August, Surfing at Bigbury: Sunday 3rd September.

2017 is Breaking the Barrier's 10 year anniversary. To celebrate and by popular demand they have added two new sports to create a triathlon of events: Cycling, Trampolining and Surfing. Young people who participate in all three will be awarded a triathlon certificate - hopefully by a member of Team GB on Bigbury Beach on Sunday 3rd September! Breaking the Barrier is a participatory event - where in families (parents, carers and sibling) are welcome to have a go too. To download an application click here: <http://www.lifeworks-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Application-Pack-2017-BTB.pdf>. If you have any questions regarding the events, please contact Jacqui Rowley: Tel: 01803 861069 or e-mail: [breakingthebarrier@lifeworks-uk.org](mailto:breakingthebarrier@lifeworks-uk.org)



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### **Virgincare**

Please see the attached invitation from Virgincare to their celebration day. Any RSVP's should be returned direct to them.

### **South West Autism**

We are holding a training day to help families make sense of the difficulties they may be experiencing with their ASC child. This is aimed at parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings and family friends. Date: Friday 5th May 2017 9.30am - 2.30pm in Exeter. Cost: £30 per person. To book a place email: [southwestautism@gmail.com](mailto:southwestautism@gmail.com)

### **Exeter and East Devon Down's Syndrome Group (EDDS)**

EDDS have a Down Syndrome/Exeter City session coming up this Saturday 6th May from 11am-12noon at University of Exeter Sports Park, Stocker Rd, Exeter EX4 4QN, Tel 01392 724452. These sessions are great fun for girls and boys, so why not go along and join in? Skills training and matches; qualified coach. For more details contact: [harriet\\_hall@hll123.plus.com](mailto:harriet_hall@hll123.plus.com)

### **Saints Southwest**

Saints Southwest are running Whitsun Soccer Schools from JUST £7.50\*\* for a full course 10am-3pm in Plymouth\*\*, Crediton, Ottery St Mary, Exeter\*\*, Langport, Dartmouth, Taunton\*\*, Truro, Paignton\*\*, Kingsbridge & Newton Abbot\*\*. Ages 7-12 can attend 10am-3pm. Ages 4-6 can attend 1.30pm-3pm. To BOOK please visit [www.saintssouthwest.co.uk](http://www.saintssouthwest.co.uk) or call 01803 206350.



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**Made-Well Open Day Invite 1st June 2017**

Made-Well is a not for profit community interest company based in Hatherleigh. The service provides a wide range of purposeful day opportunities for people with learning disabilities & mental ill health. Made-Well is a fantastic place to visit and we have facilities and events open to the public including; annual events, a children's play area, animal petting, café, meat, vegetables and plants for sale.

Join us on our open day for a fun filled day out! Open day activities include; Drama with Rob (Entertainingly different), animal petting, donkey grooming, goat walking, arts & crafts, music, pottery, baking, woodwork, computer access, face painting, gardening and picking your own vegetables.

Kind Regards

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

Jacqui Warne  
Executive Head