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Friday 23rd June 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Fete - Bidwell Brook's Fete is almost here! We hope you are able to join us on Saturday 1st July from 1 pm - 3.30 pm. Staff and the PTFA have been busy organising the event which includes opportunities for you to purchase some lovely gifts, enjoy cooling refreshments and have fun playing games! The PTFA is busy selling raffle tickets - please return any monies and stubs to the School Office. Tickets will also be on sale during the day. Thank you for your continued support.

**Dates
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- Saturday 1st July - Summer Fete
- Wednesday 12th July - Sports Day Lower School
- Thursday 13th July - Sports Day Upper School (Not FE)
- Tuesday 25th July - Last day of Term
- Thursday 7th September - Pupils return

Summer Sun - Although it seems the weather is now returning to average June temperatures, please continue to send your child into school with a hat, sun cream for staff to apply throughout the day, and a named water bottle. Thank you!

Family Newsletters & Communications - With activities and trips continuing this term, please take time to read newsletters and communications from school. If we are sending you a hard copy of the newsletter and you would be happy to receive it via email, please call the School Office. The newsletter is also linked to our Facebook page!

Increase in Pupil Numbers at Ellen Tinkham School - As part of the consultation to increase pupil places at Ellen Tinkham School from 155 to 180 from September 2017, the Full Proposal has been published and is now available to read on the Bidwell Brook website.



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On to other news from around the school:

Physio Information

Orthotic Clinics - the next clinic will be held on 6th July. Our clinics have been quite busy lately but we will do our very best to see you at school. If you would like to be seen sooner then please phone Castle Circus on 01803 217761 to book an appointment. Thank you

If any parents need an orthotic appointment during the summer holidays then please phone Castle Circus on: 01803 217712.

If any parents/carers have any issues with wheelchairs (Exeter Mobility Wheelchairs) the please phone Invacare on 08000696216.

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.

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

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.



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Dates for your diaries:

Sports Days:

Wednesday 12th July 10-11:30am - Rainbow, Yellow, Green and Purple Classes

Thursday 13th July 10-11:30am S1, S2, S3 and S4 classes

The FE classes will be busy preparing for their Summer Ball that week and so will not be in the sports days.

Tables will be reserved for parents in the garden at The Cott Inn, Dartington to go and enjoy a drink and maybe something to eat with fellow parents after the sports day. <https://cottinn.co.uk/> for directions.

Transition Tea Party - an opportunity for you and your child to meet their next class team and other students - Thursday 20th July from 10-11am

PTFA News

Attached to this newsletter are details of our forthcoming Summer Fete. We are also attaching a Silent Sheet detailing the various lots available to bid on. If you do not access to a printer and wish to place a bid simply email or send a note in with your bid to Daisy Binnie. Many thanks



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What's On

DISC Plus - There are many events and activities across Devon being advertised through DISC Plus. To view their latest newsletter, go to <https://virg.in/DISCplusSpring> or email Kristine Taylor via Kristine.Taylor@devon.gov.uk for further information."

Living Options Devon - Ability Fest

Living Options Devon is organising Ability 2017 on Sunday 16th July in Exeter at Northernhay Gardens. It will be a family festival in celebration of people of all ages with disabilities and Deaf people within the community and will coincide with National Disability Awareness Day. It will be a fun day with a variety of activities and entertainment and we wish to encourage participation across the community. Entry is free!

See website www.livingoptions.org

Lifeworks

Lifeworks have four weeks of activities planned from the 31st July. For further details go to www.lifeworks-uk.org or contact Sarah-Jane Lowson on 07500860288 or email Sarah-janelowson@lifeworks-uk.org

Enjoy the weekend.

Kind Regards

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

Jacqui Warne
Executive Head