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Friday 21st July 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last day of term for pupils and staff - Tuesday, 25th July 2017.

Pupils return to school - Thursday 7th September 2017.

As this academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your continued support to Bidwell Brook School. It has been another busy year for everyone, and we are pleased with the progress the pupils have made in their learning and development.

This July, we are saying goodbye to 9 FE students who are moving on to pastures new. It has been a pleasure to see these students grow and mature during their time with us, and we wish them good luck for the future.

We are also saying goodbye to a few members of staff this term, some of whom have been with us for many, many years. On behalf of families and colleagues, thank you for your hard work and dedication to the students and wish you well in your retirements/future ventures.

Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th September 2017 are staff training days. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to Bidwell Brook School on Thursday 7th September 2017.

In the meantime, I hope you have a wonderful summer break.

On to other news from around the school:

Snack Money - From the start of the next academic year, we will be making changes to the mid-morning snack break. Currently, families are expected to pay for their child to receive a snack but increasingly we are finding some families are unable to continually finance this. As a result, we are having to use school funds to ensure all pupils have something healthy to eat which is costing us more and more each term.



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So from September 2017, we will be introducing a new system whereby families send their child into school with a piece of fruit to be eaten mid-morning. If your child does not eat fruit, you may provide an alternative, small, healthy snack as a replacement (no crisps, sweets or chocolate bars please). Any snack which is deemed to be unhealthy will not be given to your child. School will continue to provide either water or milk for pupils to drink.

I hope you will support us in this new initiative.

As part of our review of snack funding, we have also looked at cookery costs. Cookery will continue as a learning activity for our pupils, and families will still be asked to contribute towards the cost of ingredients. From September 2017, the new cost for cookery will be £7.50 per half term.

Thank you.

Physio Information

Next Orthotics Clinics: Thursday 14th September, 28th September

Wheelchair clinic: Monday 25th September

If parents would like a place for their child on the clinics please contact Selina and Raegan.

Message from Clare Warland School Nurse

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly thank you very much for all your help this school year in enabling us to care for your child at school. We have had a very busy year with increasing numbers of pupils at school.

Next week Kelly will start sending home all the medication that we store in school and will be asking you for new completed medication consent forms for September.

Again this summer holiday Virgin care will be having an on call nursing rota for our families.



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If you have a concern about your child and need support please call the SPA - (Single point of access) on 03300245321. A Nurse will be available for phone advice.

If you live in the Torbay area call the Community Nursing team on 01803 654616

If in the Plymouth area call 01752 439442

If I can be of any support before the end of term, please get in touch by calling me on the school phone number 01803864120.

Finally Virgin care are very keen for feedback on the service that we provide. If you have a spare minute !!!!! would you please complete a short online survey visit <http://www.virgincare.co.uk/feedback> tell us what you think use the code C8039 which is for special school nursing BUT please state that your feedback is for nursing at Bidwell Brook.

If your child is accessing the Hollow Lane Club over the summer, I hope they have a good time.

See you in September!

Kind Regards

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

Jacqui Warne
Executive Head