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Friday 7th July 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Date Reminder - We've had a few calls into the office this week regarding term dates. The last day of term is Tuesday 25th July (the school is shut on Wednesday 26th July 2017). The pupils return in the Autumn Term on Thursday 7th September 2017. There are staff training days at the school on Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th September 2017. Thank you.

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

School Prom - Upper School students are busy organising their Prom which is taking place on Thursday 13th July 2017. Limousines will be leaving Follaton House early evening before dropping students at the school to begin an evening of celebration with lots of dancing! We hope to share some photos on our website following the event.

Transition Tea Party - This year, we are holding our Transition Tea Party on Thursday 20th July 2017 between 10 am and 11 am. You are invited into school for the opportunity to meet the teacher who will be teaching your child next year and to look around the classrooms. I hope you can join us!

School Fete - Bidwell Brook's Fete was such a success! Thank you to everyone who came along. The PTFA and staff, as always, did a marvellous job in organising and running the event which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The total amount raised was approximately £2000.

Bidwell Brook School Consultation to Increase Pupil Places - Following consultation, we have received confirmation from Devon County Council's Cabinet Members that Bidwell Brook School is able to increase its pupil places from 95 to 110 from September 2017.



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Judy Findlay - At the end of this term, we will be saying "goodbye" to Judy Findlay. Judy started working at Bidwell Brook School back in 1977 when the school first opened! Judy has taught and supported many pupils through their education and on into adulthood, and the students will be saying a special farewell to her on the last day of term, Tuesday 25th July 2017. On behalf of everyone at Bidwell Brook School, we wish Judy all the best in her retirement and thank her for her continued commitment to the school over the last 40 years. What an achievement!

On to other news from around the school:

REMINDER: PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Just a reminder that nominations for our parent governor will be closing at noon on Monday 10th July.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete and sign the enclosed nomination form and return to either the school office addressed to Jacqui Warne as the returning officer, or email your nomination directly to the clerk to governors on: clerk@learntolivefederation.co.uk no later than 12 noon Monday 10th July 2017. If two or more nominations are received, an election by secret ballot will be held. If an election is required, details of the procedure will be sent to all parents.

School Uniform

School uniform is available to order and pay for online at www.schoolgateway.com or alternatively if a paper copy of the order form please contact the school office.

Orders need to be in by Friday 14th July and uniform will be sent home with pupils / students when we return in Sept.



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Tesco Bags of Help Scheme -

We have been shortlisted for funding to develop our Rural Skills outdoor learning space and buy new equipment to encourage outdoor play for our early year's pupils and sensory learners under the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme.

The participating stores are:-

BARTON TORQUAY EXPRESS TQ2 8HW

BRIXHAM EXPRESS TQ5 8DX

PAIGNTON METRO TQ4 5DL

PAIGNTON TORQUAY RD EXPRESS TQ3 2EZ

TORQUAY BABBACOMBE RD EXPRESS TQ1 3SN

TORQUAY EXPRESS TQ1 4RY

TORQUAY LYMINGTON EXPRESS TQ1 4AQ

TORQUAY METRO TQ1 1DB

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token. If you are in the area and need to do any shopping, please pop in and vote for us!

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



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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.

2017 FE Leavers Assembly

Monday 24th July - 10am - 11.30am - Family and friends welcome to attend

Enjoy the weekend.

Kind Regards

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

Jacqui Warne
Executive Head