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Friday 20th October 2017

No 04

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday 10th October, Bidwell Brook School welcomed two Ofsted Inspectors into school. The Inspectors enjoyed spending time with us, visiting the classes and hearing from the pupils. During their feedback at the end of the day, they were very keen to pass on their thanks to pupils and staff alike.

Thank you if you completed the family questionnaire as part of their visit. When the final report is published in a few weeks' time, this will be shared with Bidwell Brook School's community.

**Dates
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- Monday 23rd Oct - Half Term Week
- Monday 27th Nov - School Closed
- Thursday 7th Dec - Rainbow Classes Christmas Show
- Friday 8th Dec - Xmas Fayre, FE & KS4 Café
- Friday 8th Dec - KS3 Xmas Party
- Tuesday 12th Dec - KS2 Xmas Show
- Friday 15th Dec - End of Term

On to other news from around the school:

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We received a lovely large delivery from Sainsbury's on Thursday of items that had been ordered using the Active Kids Vouchers we collected earlier this year. We have got some fabulous new items for the upper school kitchen, forest school, playground, physio and allotment. Many thanks to everyone that collected and sent in the vouchers.

Bags 2 School

Also, a big thanks for all the Bags we received for the Bag 2 School collection, we raised a further £160 for the PTFA.



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Physio News

The next Orthotics clinics are:

12th October (fully booked), 9th November, 23rd November & 7th December

The Next EMC Wheelchair clinic is Monday 15th January.

Please speak to Raegan if you would like your child to be seen at either clinic.

Message from Becky (Rainbow Department)

Dragonflies & Ladybirds are short on child sized bike helmets and wondered if any families have any good quality helmets that are too small for their own children that they would be happy to donate to the school. Thank you

SEND Parent Training Courses for Parents

Please follow the link below for details of training courses available for parents

<http://www.bis-net.org.uk/services-autism-challenging-behaviour/parent-training-spring-2017-programme/>

Bidwell brook PTFA Family Swim

Please see attached details of the Family Swim which has been organised for Saturday 11th November.

Lifeworks

This October half term Lifeworks Holiday Project team are becoming young broadcasters; Going out to investigate Aquafit and Zumba classes at Fusion Leisure Centres, climbing at Dartrock Indoor Climbing Centre and the creation of a quest at Torre Abbey. They will interview the people involved and create a radio feature to be broadcast on Soundart FM + they will be working with DJ's, artists and Soundart Radio to create a COMMUNITY DISCO IN ONE WEEK at Dartington Hall. To find out more/book contact Sarah-Jane e-mail: sarah-janelowson@lifeworks-uk.org Tel: 01803 861 060



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Hannah's Half Term Activities at Seale Hayne

Saturday 21 October - Tuesday 31 October 2017 Half-Term Halloween Fun.

To find out more go to: <http://www.discoverhannahs.org/whats-on/halloween-at-hannahs>

Turn2Us

If you have disabilities or are a carer you may be entitled to free or discounted travel on public transport.

If you are a driver you may be entitled to an exemption from paying road tax, and to a blue badge which gives you parking concessions.

To find out more details on the above go to: <http://ow.ly/uzHP30fQKvA>

Devon Youth Inclusive Football Clubs - Coaching for boys & girls age 8 - 16 years old with physical, sensory or learning disabilities.

Plymouth Argyle FITDC Lipson Comm. College (Plymouth) Contact: Josh Grant T: 07961588378 E: Josh.Grant@pafc.co.uk

Tavistock Specials Juniors FC @ Tavistock Community College Contact: Allen Lewis ~ T: 07749 798808 ~ E: redrum347@hotmail.com

Pinhoe Spartans Youth FC (Exeter) @ St. James School, Exeter Contact: Andy Barefoot T: 07866107579 E: andy.barefoot@virgin.net

Torquay Utd Junior Inspirations @ Paignton Community Sports Academy Contact: Kevin Titchard T: 07740355895 E: mattanthony@torquayunited.com

I hope you all enjoy the well-deserved October half term break and we look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 30th October 2017.

Kind Regards

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

Jacqui Warne
Executive Head