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**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**No 05**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our planning for Christmas has started! This includes wonderful performances by the pupils, our delicious Christmas lunch and our 'present-buying opportunity', the Christmas Fayre!

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

Updated Medication Policy - Bidwell Brook is able to accept non-prescription medications to administer to your child. However, these can only be Ibuprofen and Paracetamol or brand name products where these are the active ingredients. In exceptional circumstances, other medications may be administered with the prior agreement of Jacqui Warne, Executive Head. Prior written consent is required before any medication can be administered.

School will only administer non-prescription medications under the following circumstances:

- All medication to arrive in school in a factory sealed container complete with box and any instructions.

(We suggest families purchase sachets of medicine, rather than bottles to avoid wastage, as usually only a small amount is needed on an ad hoc basis). All medicines will be safely disposed of upon reaching their expiry date.

- Parents will be responsible for providing the school with written consent to include dosage and frequency/reason to administer. This must be in line with the manufacturers' guidelines.

**Dates  
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- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov - Children in Need
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov - School Closed
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Rainbow Classes Christmas Show
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec - Xmas Fayre, FE & KS4 Café
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS3 Xmas Party
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS2 Xmas Show
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Lunch
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - End of Term & Father Xmas visiting



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- Parents accept responsibility for any side effects caused by non-prescription medication.

We would also like to remind you that parents are responsible for informing the school if there are any changes to their child's medication. If you require a copy of our Medication Policy, please let us know. Thank you.

Clinics - Our procedures have recently changed for any external clinics being organised by outside agencies but held at Bidwell Brook eg Boots running a vaccination clinic. If families have provided consent for their child to attend a clinic and for whatever reason, wish their child to subsequently not attend, the family must contact the Nurse directly before the clinic date. Please do not leave messages with Reception, Classes or within any written correspondence to the school. Contact must be made directly with the Nursing Team. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Children in Need - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be holding a Bidwell's got talent show for Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November in the afternoon. Students can sing/mime to their favourite song, tell a joke (bad jokes are best) or do a trick or tell a poem.

We are inviting the students to dress spotty on the day as this is the general theme again this year from the Children in Need organisers. We would love it if all students could bring in £1 to put towards the Children in Need fundraising. Many thanks.

### **Donations**

We were delighted to receive a donation from the Totnes Talking Newspaper of £279.07 as they are closing down and are distributing the funds they have left - this will be used towards funding library books.

We have also received a donation from the family of an ex pupil which has been used to fund an infrared outdoor trail camera and an endoscope. This was a particular interest of the pupil when he was here.

Many thanks to both parties, we are very grateful.



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**Tesco Bags of Help Scheme**

We are pleased to announce that we have been successful in our bid to the Tesco bags of help scheme and have received £5000 towards rural skills. This will fund additional screening, outdoor cob pizza oven, outdoor seating, a sensory swing and scramble net and possibly also help in the creation of a bog garden.

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOLLOW LANE CLUB**

PLEASE VOTE FOR THE HOLLOW LANE CLUB

The Hollow Lane Club works hard applying for grants and funding, which allows us to offer places at such a reasonable price in comparison to other limited local provision. We are delighted to tell you that we have been accepted as one of the charities in the AVIVA Communities Fund Scheme.

There are 40 awards of up to £5,000 made nationally in our category. The scheme works on the basis of those with the most votes go through to the final stage, where we make a final submission of information and a panel then decide on the winners. It is therefore really important that we get as many people to vote for The Hollow Lane Club as possible.

The voting is now open, so all you need to do is follow this link <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-4516> and cast your vote for The Hollow Lane Club.

Please forward this link to as many family, friends and colleagues as possible.

The closing date is the 21st November and the finalists are announced on 28th November. Let's hope the Hollow Lane Club is one of them!

**SEND Parent Training Courses for Parents**

Please see the attached poster for details of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities events for parents.



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**Bidwell Brook PTFA Family Swim**

For any families who are not aware the PTFA have had to postpone the Family Swim until the spring. Any money already paid will be refunded.

Kind Regards

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

Jacqui Warne  
Executive Head