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Friday 24th November 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Fayre - Friday 8th December 2017 - Date for your diary! We hope to see you at Bidwell Brook's Christmas Fayre this year where you will be able to purchase lovely homemade crafts, such as candles, soaps, organic lavender bath sachets (great Christmas presents). Wonderful plants some of which have been potted up by the students, dried herbs (from herbs grown by our pupils on the allotment), mint teas and much more.

**Dates
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- 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
- Wednesday 13th Dec - Christmas Lunch
- Friday 15th Dec - End of Term
- Tuesday 2nd January - Non pupil day
- Wednesday 3rd January - Pupils Return

Christmas Performances - We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas productions in the next few weeks! And just to remind everyone that unfortunately, NO photos or videos can be taken. Members of staff will be taking photos and these will be posted on Class Blogs and our Facebook page if the pupils have the relevant social media permissions in place. Thank you for your co-operation.

Message from Dave O'Loughlin, Health & Safety Manager - Electronic Devices In School - Ipads, phones, tablets etc are only permitted to be brought into school if families have completed a permission form and agreed to the terms within our E-Safety Policy regarding "Bring Your Own Device" to school.

Please note that we do not allow the unrestricted use of smartphones, tablets, cameras or the activation of mobile data (3G/4G) within school, and any devices having these functions are regularly checked by members of staff to ensure compliance with our rules and the continued safeguarding of our students. Devices with internal SIM cards are securely locked away during the school day and returned to the pupil at home time. Permission forms can be downloaded from our website, or call the School Office. Thank you for your support.



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Message from Family Support - Shaping Future Community Health and Wellbeing Services for Children and Young People in Devon. Do you want to express an interest in volunteering to help us identify a future service provider?

In January 2018, the NHS will begin a process to identify the future provider/s for local health services for children and young people across Devon. NHS feel it is very important to continue to involve individuals that have experience of using local services and would like your support to consider potential providers of future services. The NHS is looking for children and young people and also parents or carers that have experience of being in touch with local children's services (if you are a parent and think your child would be interested, do pass this information on). They have already done lots of engagement and further information is available on their website: <https://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/your-ccg/children-and-young-people-100144>

If you think you could commit to approximately 12 half days, spread across the 7 months, they would love to hear from you. All meetings will be based in Exeter and travel expenses refunded, as well as any respite care expenses. They may also be able to offer you an opportunity to participate from home if it is difficult for you to make it face to face.

Interested? Write an email to Deon Falcon explaining: 1) A little bit about yourself and your background/experience; 2) Why this role would be of interest to you; 3) What you could offer as a member of the evaluation team (e.g. any work or other kinds of experience you have that you feel would be helpful). Please also include your name and contact details. Send the email to deon.falcon@nhs.net by Monday 27th November 2017.

Or call Deon Falcon, Communications Manager, NHS on 07765 054901

Children in Need

Last Friday we had an array of outfits being worn by our children taking part in Children in Need day - we raised just over £85 so many thanks to everyone who sent in a donation.



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Operation Encompass

Please see the attached letter giving more information with regard to this.

Christmas Disco

Lifeworks are holding a Christmas Disco on 1st December 2017 at Hex Gym, Park Road, Dartington, Nr Totnes.

Entrance is £2.50

For further information please telephone 01803 840744 or email - enquiries@lifeworks-uk.org

Kind Regards

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

Jacqui Warne
Executive Head