



# FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGES FROM JACQUI WARNE

**Pat Carr** – Today we say goodbye to Pat who has been a teacher at Bidwell Brook for over 21 years. I'm sure you will join me in thanking Pat for her commitment to the school and dedication shown to each and every pupil she has taught during her time with us. We all send good wishes for a happy retirement. You will be sorely missed by everyone Pat.

**Deb Derrick** – Many of you will also have spoken to Deb Derrick who works alongside Daisy Binnie and Dawn Lewis in Support Services. Deb has decided to take her career in a new direction and left us yesterday. Good luck Deb!

**Upcoming Parent Governor Vacancy** – After February half term, the Governing Body will be recruiting for a new Parent Governor to represent Bidwell Brook School. As Headteacher, I fully understand parents and carers have many commitments during the day including work, appointments etc. I also appreciate that due to the complex needs of our pupils, life at home can be difficult and for some of you, the hours when your child is at school is respite time well deserved.

The Governing Body also recognises all of the above and is conscious our next Parent Governor is fully supported. It can feel quite daunting to walk into a room with a group of people you've not met before, so you will have a "buddy" Governor who will be happy to meet with you outside of school before you come along to your first meeting.

During your first term, you will be invited to two Full Governing Body meetings which start at 10 am and finish by 1 pm. As you settle into the role, you will have the opportunity to attend additional meetings and training sessions, where needed.

Everyone at Bidwell Brook works hard to provide the best outcomes for our pupils, ensuring "Everyone will be the best that they can be". This includes having a parent's view and voice on the Governing Body – this role is the link from families to the people who hold the school to account.

Please give this vacancy serious consideration over the half term and look out for the application letter being sent next half term. Thank you.

## FURTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL ...

### Clinics

The next Orthotics clinic dates are: Thursday 1st March 2018, Thursday 15th March and Thursday 29th March. Please contact Raegan if you would like your child to be seen.



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## Cookery Contributions Reminder

Cookery Contributions for this term are:  
Spring Term - 1<sup>st</sup> half-term £7.50 / 2<sup>nd</sup> half-term £7.50 (Total for Whole term = £15.00). These can be paid online at [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) or payment can be sent directly into the school office by cash or cheque (payable to DCC) (along with the orange payment card).

## DATES

w/c 12th February 2018: Half Term Holiday

Monday 19th February 2018: Pupils return to school

Thursday 29th March : Last day of term

Monday 16th April: Pupils Return to School

w/c 28th May 2018: Half Term Week

Wednesday 25th July: Last day of term for pupils



## Bursary Scheme

Information about the 16-19 Bursary fund is being sent out to all families with children in year 11 who are due to move up the Further Education department in September 2018. This may be able to help you with costs such as transport. If you do not receive this information or have any queries regarding the scheme then please contact the school office or phone Lynne Williams, on 01803 864120.

## Torquay United Inclusive Football Fun Day

Monday 12th February (1pm—3pm) and £2 per participant

Venue: Torquay Academy Astro Pitch, Torquay, TQ2 7NU

PAN Disability: A fun, inclusive Football day with Football and team activities for children with any impairment including learning difficulty and disability

Please bring a drink/snack for breaks and sports trainers for the astro pitch

To register contact Ashley Harris on 07912089838 or

Email : [ashley.harris@devonfa.com](mailto:ashley.harris@devonfa.com)



## Dance Classes

Please see the attached poster for details of a new dance class taking place in Newton Abbot



# DANCE & FITNESS CLASSES

Your Choice Devon LTD offer dance & fitness classes for individuals with additional needs. We have a team of qualified dance & fitness instructors to engage all individuals with the activities to the best of their ability.

We hold dance/fitness classes for younger individuals (9-17) every other Sunday 4.30-5.30pm & dance/fitness classes for adults (18+) every other Sunday 6.00-7.30pm.

**VENUE:** Kingskerswell Public Hall | Newton Rd | Kingskerswell | TQ12 5ES

STARTING  
**JANUARY**  
14TH 2018

**YOUNGER  
SESSION**

**£7.50**

per session

- or -

10 sessions  
FOR **£60.00**

**ADULT  
SESSION**

**£10.00**

per session

- or -

10 sessions  
FOR **£85.00**

ALL SESSIONS ARE STAFFED WITH REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED  
(INCLUSIVE OF COST)

Please contact **James** on 07536087781 or **Siân** on 07880332900  
or email us at [admin@yourchoicedevonltd.co.uk](mailto:admin@yourchoicedevonltd.co.uk)  
for more information or to book your place for January 2018!

  
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