



# FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGES FROM JACQUI WARNE

Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding at the beginning of the week when we were unable to open Bidwell Brook School due to the snow. I really hope that was the final bout of severe weather we see this Winter!

Parent Governor Vacancy – We received one expression of interest for the current Parent Governor vacancy at Bidwell Brook School. We will announce your new Governor in due course.

This is the last family newsletter of the Spring Term. The last day of term is next Thursday 29th March 2018 and we look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on Monday 16th April 2018.

## DATES

Thursday 29th March : Last day of term  
Monday 16th April: Pupils Return to School  
Friday 4th May: PTFA Plant & Book Sale  
W/C 28th May 2018: Half Term Week  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1:30-3pm: Bidwell Brook Summer Fete  
Wednesday 25th July: Last day of term for pupils



## FURTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL ...

### Summer Term school meals charges

Please find below the cost of school meals for the Summer Term 2018. All school meal are payable **in advance**. You are able to pay either by cash or cheque, made payable to DCC, or online at [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com).

	Junior	Senior
Daily	£2.40	£2.50
Weekly	£12.00	£12.50
1 <sup>st</sup> Half Term (29 Days)	£69.60	£72.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term (38 Days)	£91.20	£95.00
<b>Full Term</b>	<b>£160.80</b>	<b>£167.50</b>

### Respite/Enabling List

We have collated a new list of staff offering Enabling and Respite. If you would like a copy just put a note in your home/school book.

### Clinics

The next Orthotic Clinics will be held on:  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April , Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June

If you would like your child to be seen at any of these clinics please let Raegan know.



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## PTFA Information & News

For those of you who wonder what the PTFA get up to (other than drinking tea, painting sheds and getting muddy sorting out bikes and wellies!) I thought I would write a list of some of the things we have funded/part funded recently.

1 Theatre trip to Plymouth / 2 Theatre groups performing at the school / Bicycle maintenance / class trips / A specialist support sling for students to get in and out of a canoe / Paignton Zoo Annual Pass for the school / Refilling the sand pit / Easter eggs and a Christmas presents for all students / We have recently voted to part fund the outdoor soft surface area for the lower school playground (coming soon!)

A continued HUGE thank you for all of you who have bought school lottery tickets, raffle tickets, supplied prizes, cakes and treats to help the PTFA raise funds for our children at the school. You are all amazing!

Upcoming events:

Please start planting your seeds and collecting your books for the PTFA Plant and Book Sale on the 4<sup>th</sup> May. This year we have a new location at The United Reform Church on Totnes Fore Street. Donations of plants and books can be sent into school anytime up to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. If you are able to help on the day, please put a note in your home school book and we will be in touch.

## Donkey Sanctuary Ivybridge

### **Easter weekend fun for all the family.**

Friday 30th March, Saturday 31st March & Monday 2nd April. 10am – 3pm. (We are closed Easter Sunday)

Fun games and activities, Easter goodies tombola, family raffle and our Donkey World shop will be open.

Our resident donkeys will be on site for you to say hello to.

Refreshments on sale including homemade cakes. Free Entry & free parking. Everyone is welcome.

**14th April 2018**

The Donkey Sanctuary present The Simmertones 7.30 pm till late

Food and Bar Tickets £10 per person

For further details for these events and lots more please copy and paste the following link:

<https://www.thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk/visit-us/ivybridge>

## CONCERT

Torbay Police & Community Male Voice Choir are pleased to present a concert on behalf of Mencap at Preston Baptist Church Old Torquay Road, Paignton on Friday 6TH April at 7.30 PM Tickets £6 at the door or pre-booked £5 (Tel: 01803 523711)