



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM JACQUI WARNE

Online Safety – Across our Federation, we take online safety very seriously and urge families to do the same at home. Only this week, we heard about one free app whereby one of the main characters within the game suddenly takes their own life.

We actively encourage all our families to talk to their children about their online activity and to let *them* share what they're playing or looking at. This approach is much better rather than asking your child if they are playing a specific game which you may have concerns about - this may draw your inquisitive child's attention to it!

The UK Safer Internet Centre website contains really useful tips, advice and resources for families and professionals to help children and young people have a safe and positive time online. Here are some good sources of information and advice:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://parentinfo.org/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ShareAware>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

If you ever have any concerns about your child and their online safety, please contact your teacher. Thank you.

Permission Packs/Data Collection Sheets – Packs have now been sent out. Please complete and return these to the School Office as soon as possible. Thank you very much.

Winter Clothing – Outdoor learning and play is an important part of a child's education and our pupils will still be accessing the whole site throughout the winter, when possible. Please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof, **named** coat to bring into school. Thank you.

Children In Need Day – Friday 16th November 2018! Exciting fundraising activity news coming out soon

Occasional Day – Just a reminder we have an occasional day on Monday 26th November 2018. The school will be shut for one day only and we look forward to seeing the pupils return on Tuesday 27th November 2018.

Enjoy the weekend.

Kind Regards

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

Jacqui Warne

Executive Head

FURTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

DATES

Cookery Costs & School Dinners

Friday 16th November—Children In need Day
Monday 26th November—Occasional Day—School Closed
Friday 7th December—Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 12th December—KS2 Christmas Show (a.m.)
Friday 14th December—KS3 Christmas Show (a.m.)
Tuesday 18th December—KS1 Christmas Show (a.m.)
Wednesday 19th December—Christmas Lunch
Friday 21st December—Last Day of Term
Tuesday 8th January—Pupils Return to School

Just to let you know that the cost for cookery and school dinners for this half term are:

Cookery

2nd half of Autumn Term - £7.50

School Dinners

Junior - £2.40 each

Weekly - £12.00

2nd half of Autumn Term (39 days) - £93.60

Senior - £2.50 each

Weekly - £12.50

2nd half of Autumn Term (39 days) - £97.50

These can be paid by cash, cheque or through Schoolcomms

Bus Passes

Our students over the age of 5 are eligible for a Bus Pass that allows them to travel for free on buses in Devon County Council. We can and do apply for them with your permission through the school and have just done a batch for this year.

Once your Bus Pass arrives at your home, do get in touch with your child's class teacher about it. They are useful for the school to use when we take your children out into the community. Please do make an arrangement with your child's teacher as to whether the pass stays in school or at home.

We have received in school the Companion Pass that goes with them. This allows an adult to travel free with the child. The Companion Passes can be used at home or school with Secondary School aged children. Primary School aged children are issued passes for use by school staff.

If you have any questions or need a new form to sign for us to apply for the pass for you, please contact Daisy Binnie through the home /school book or school office.

Wheelchair Clinic

Mobility Centre will be coming to Bidwell on Wednesday 14th November to hold a Wheelchair clinic.

If you would like your child to be seen at the clinic please contact Raegan.

Many thanks

Step into Football Course

Sunday 9th December—12pm – 2.30pm

Cranbrook Education Campus, Tillhouse Road, Cranbrook, EX5 7EE

Cost: FREE

A introduction to Football coaching with activities, practices and next steps onto the FA Level 1 Coaching in Football Award. Open to players, parents, helpers, support workers, teachers, TA's and anyone with an interest to become a volunteer in Football

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