



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGES FROM JACQUI WARNE

This is the last Family Newsletter before the half term holiday next week. We finish school this Friday, 25th May 2018 and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 4th June 2018.

Also on Friday, we will be saying a poignant 'farewell and good luck' to our long-term and much valued Deputy Head, Carolyn Purslow. Carolyn's strong ethical and deeply respectful core values, along with her capacity for optimism and joy, have been of fundamental significance across the Learn to Live Federation.

Carolyn was a member of the Senior Leadership Team who came to Bidwell Brook back in 2012, but has actually been working at Ellen Tinkham School for the last 16 years. Carolyn has now decided to gracefully retreat from the education sector and move to sunny Spain. She will be sorely missed by everyone, especially her SLT colleagues, those from the Ellen Tinkham College and the 19-25 CIC. Her work and commitment in helping to develop the 19-25 business has been key over the last few years.

Good luck Carolyn – we wish you well and share in your excitement in this new venture.

Jubilee Challenge/Ten Tors – Teams of students and staff successfully completed their walks on Dartmoor and I have to say, it was a joy to watch everyone coming back over the finishing line still smiling! Well done to all the staff who organised and supported this event, and a special well done to our wonderful pupils. We are very proud of you.

FURTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL ...

DATES

- W/C 28th May 2018: Half Term Week
- Saturday 30th June 1:30-3pm: Bidwell Brook Summer Fete
- Wednesday 4th July—10—11.30 am—Lower School Sports Day
- Thursday 5th July— 10—11.30 am—Upper School Sports Day
- Thursday 19th July—Leavers Assembly FE & KS4 Students only
- Monday 23rd July—Transition tea party 10—11am Parents and students invited to classroom to meet staff team for September
- Wednesday 25th July: Last day of term for pupils
- Thursday 6th September—Pupils return to school



Plant Requests

We are Looking for some plant donations that we can dot around school. Does anyone have a plant called 'Stachys' also known as rabbits ears. We would like a cutting to plant at school if anyone has one.





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Post 16 Transport

Important Information for families with children in Years 11,12 and 13 re Post 16 transport from September 2018

You will have received information from Devon County Council transport team about arrangements for applying for vacant seats from September 2018. Bidwell Brook School is able to offer financial assistance with the costs of transport to families in receipt of Free School Meals, or where the student is either in care or a care leaver. If you do not fit these categories but are on a low household income (under £25,000) we may still be able to offer financial assistance.

In all cases you will need to complete and send in a 16-19 Bursary application form. Please either download an application from the Bidwell Brook School website or phone the school office to request a form be sent home to you.

Vulnerable Bursary Funding

There are separate funding arrangements for those students eligible for the Vulnerable Student Bursary who may receive up to a maximum of £1200 in financial support with the costs of remaining in education. Please read the eligibility criteria carefully as this is very strictly limited to students in these specific groups:-

- Young people in care or care leavers
- Young people in receipt of Income Support in their own name
- Young people in receipt of Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance or Universal credit in their own name or Personal Independence Payments in their own name

Please make sure when completing your application that you tick the correct qualifying criteria.

If you have any queries, please contact Lynne Williams by phoning the main school office.

Physio Information

The next EMC Wheelchair clinic will be held in school on Wednesday 11th July, If you would like your child to be seen at the clinic please could you notify Raegan.

The next Clinics for Orthotics are: 14th June (Clinic Full)

28th June Appointments for this clinic are filling up fast and this is the last clinic before the summer holidays, so please let Raegan know ASAP if you need an appointment. The Orthotics team can be reached on 01803 217761, you can book an appointment with them for your child to be seen at Castle Circus if you cannot get a slot at a school clinic.



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Message from Dave O'Loughlin Health & Safety

GDPR:

I'm sure you will all have received a mountain of communication about GDPR from websites and companies you've used, the school will of course be complying with these new regulations. There will be a few changes to our privacy notices and it may be that we occasionally have to ask your permission to share your information with other agencies, however we will as always keep the information you provide us with secure and will respect your wishes in how we use it.

If you have any further questions on how this will affect you please get in touch.

Forthcoming Events

Purple Class Concert

Purple class are going to hold a concert to raise money towards their residential. This is taking place on the 25th May at 3.30 pm in the school hall and refreshments will be available for a small contribution. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased from Purple class and are priced at £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children, everyone is welcome. Audience participation is encouraged to assist us although there may be some solos or solo sections where the chorus is open to all.

We would be really pleased to see you there, as our children have worked very hard at learning the songs and the signs and are enthusiastic to perform their work in front of an audience.

BRITE— Lighting up The South West

Vire Island Totnes 9th June
2pm—8 pm Free Entry
Live music, Street Food, Inflatables, Glitter
Body Art, Pick n Mix
Café and much more.
For more details see
www.brite.org.uk

Photographic Exhibition

An exhibition of photographs taken by Peter Smale around Seale Hayne is being held at the Experience Warehouse, at Hannah's Seale Hayne. From 1st of June until the 30th June. Free admission and open to all.

Lost Coat

Parka style thin (no lining) from Primark size 16 lost. Please could you check that your child hasn't been sent home with this by mistake.

Many thanks