



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM JACQUI WARNE

This half term has been full of exciting events for the pupils. World Book Day and Comic Relief's Red Nose Day were both well supported – thank you.

Bidwell Brook's Student Council remains in fine voice which is brilliant news. They have recently been reflecting on "respectfulness" and have started to think about introducing a team of people in school called the 'Respect Watch', which they have compared to Neighbourhood Watch. The aim of the Respect campaign is to spread awareness and increase expectations for the levels of respect in our school. This includes shared spaces being left tidy with shared responsibility, individual and shared resources being looked after, and environmental issues being considered while onsite. One student has generated some guidelines of what the role of a 'Respect Watch Person' will include. These will be shared at their next Student Council meeting where they will aim to agree on a set of guidelines for members.

The Student Council have also been discussing pupil achievements and have asked Stella Taylor, Deputy Head and myself to attend an assembly to reward students for their hard work. They would like certificates "because it shows you that you can do better and that you can do better in your future as well." Also, "it would be good to have our photograph taken so we can show our Grandparents, Auntie, Uncle, Cousins and Mum and Dad so that they know that we have done well. They may feel happy, excited and proud and may decide to take us out some places for a treat like a park or Adventure Park."

The Student Council did wonder if the Queen would be able to attend the assembly, so the suggestion was made to write and ask her!

All the staff feel very proud of the students across the Federation, who continue to surprise us with their ideas and insightfulness, and reassure us with their thoughtfulness shown towards others.

Wanted!

Have you seen this doll? One of our pupils has lost her dearly loved Cabbage Patch Doll. Please can you all check at home to see if the doll has come home with your child by mistake and if it has please send it back in to school. Many thanks



DATES



Friday 29th March - Bingo

w/c Monday 8th April - Easter Holidays

Wednesday 24th April - Pupils Return to School

w/c Monday 27th May - Half Term Week

Wednesday 24 July - Last Day of Term

Bingo!

Don't forget the FE Team are putting on a BINGO night on Friday the 29th March to have some fun and raise funds to buy some new furniture for their common space. As space is limited and the event is likely to be popular, this will be a ticket only event. Tickets are on sale presently at 50 pence per person and are limited to 4 per family. Tickets need to be brought with you on the night as your entrance ticket, the ticket will then go into a raffle. The actual bingo will cost £5 per 6 game book with an additional flyer costing £1. We have lots of lovely prizes for you to win so please do support this great event.

Doors open 6pm and eyes down at 7 p.m.

FURTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Dinner Money

Please can we ask all parents / carers to send in any outstanding dinner money that is owing.

	JUNIOR	SENIOR
DAILY	£2.40	£2.50
WEEKLY	£12.00	£12.50
2 ND HALF OF SPRING TERM (30 DAYS)	£72.00	£75.00

If you want to check how much you owe, this can be found by logging onto www.schoolgateway.com or alternatively contact the school office and we can let you know the outstanding amount.

School Uniform

School Uniform is available to order and pay for online at www.schoolgateway.com, orders to be placed by **1st April**.

We will then send uniform home with children when we return after the Easter holiday.

If a paper order form is required please let the school office know and we can send one home.

Thank you.



Wheelchair Clinic

The next Exeter Mobility Centre Wheelchair Clinic is due to be held at School on Wednesday 3rd April 2019.

If you would like your child to be seen at this clinic please let the therapy office know.



Plant Sale

We will once again be having our annual plant sale on the 3rd May.

Nearer the time we will be asking for any donations of Plants, Books, Bric a Brac, Cakes etc. But in the meantime if you are sowing seeds please don't forget us as we will need seedlings to sell on the day.

Many thanks

Bags 2 School

Next collection is Tues 26th March at 9am. So get your spring clean on, hassle your neighbours and family and bag up your:

Good quality Adults and Children's clothing

Paired Shoes

Hats, Belts and Handbags

Soft toys

Bedding, Curtains and Towels

BUT NOT duvets, pillows or cushions.

All your donations get weighed up and FOBBS get a cheque in return to buy lovely things for the school with. You don't have to use the 'proper' bags that we sent home, any bin liner etc. will do. Most transport teams are happy to take a couple of bags a day. Just ask nicely! Send them in now and we'll build up a big pile.