



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Message From Jacqui Warne —Executive Head

Dates For Your Diary

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term 2020. I trust you had an enjoyable festive break.

We begin this newsletter on a sad note by letting you know one of our Teaching Assistants, Georgina Carter, passed away over the Christmas holiday. Georgie worked at Bidwell Brook School for several years but unfortunately had become increasingly unwell in recent months and hadn't been able to attend school since last summer.

Georgie will be much missed by everyone within our school community and I'm sure you will join me in sending our sincere condolences at this very sad time to both her family and our staff who worked closely with Georgie.

On to other news:

Parents Evening – We are delighted to confirm that Parents Evening will take place this term on Wednesday 22nd January 2020. Letters have been sent home, so please remember to return the slip to book your time slot with your teacher.

Jacqui Warne
Executive Head

Wednesday 22nd January - Parents Evening

w/c Monday 17th February - Half Term

27th March—Last day of term

Wednesday 15th April—Pupils return to school

Friday 8th May—Spring Bank Holiday—School Closed

w/c Monday 25th May—Half Term

Wednesday 22nd July—Last Day of Term

Respite Bags

Please could we ask parents and carers to ensure that any respite bags sent into school are marked clearly with your child's name.

Many thanks

Missing Shoes

One of our pupils has lost a pair of Sketchers. They are dark blue with green on them and they are a size 2.

Please can we ask you to check at home to see if these have come home inadvertently.



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Hollow Lane Club

New Siblings Group

We are very excited to be starting our new Siblings Group at Dartington this month. The group is for the siblings of students who attend Bidwell Brook and the first session will be on the 18th January. Sessions will be held each month from 10am until 4pm on a Saturday.

If you would be interested in a place or require any further information, then please telephone Deb Ward on 01392 463823

Summer Club

The summer months may seem a long way off, but as our Summer Club grows in numbers early preparation is necessary. With this in mind, letters are currently on their way to all parents via the school diaries offering places for this year. If you would like a place, please complete and return the form by the closing date of 7th February. Any queries, please give Deb a call on 01392 463823 who will be happy to help.

Fees

Just a reminder that any outstanding fees from last term are overdue for payment and should now be settled.

Deb Ward

Administrator – Therapy Department

Cookery

Just a reminder that the Cookery contribution for this half term is £7.50. This can be paid online at www.schoolgateway.com or alternatively payment can be sent into the school office in cash or by cheque. Cheques must be made payable to Devon County Council.

Snippets

Don't forget there is lots of interesting information to be found at : <https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/signpostplus/>

Spring Meal Charges

	Junior	Senior
Daily	£2.40	£2.50
Weekly	£12.00	£12.50
1st Half Term (29 Days)	£69.60	£72.50
2nd Half Term (25 Days)	£60.00	£62.50
Full Term	£129.60	£135.00

School meals can be paid for either by cash or cheque or online.

All meals are payable in advance, please send your payment in with the orange payment card. Alternatively please pay online at www.schoolgateway.com. If you have any queries or need to know how much to pay please do not hesitate to contact Sarah K in the school office on 01803 864120.