



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

23rd November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Christmas Catalogue 2020 – The link to Bidwell Brook’s Christmas Catalogue is now “live”! There are lots of lovely (and fun) gifts to order so please take a look by clicking below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=tphYYEhQLEurA4F0XP43HRldbQfokWtOoCMiGCTVjL1UNjVUMkMzV080MkZVNVFHV05KRE9UMTI2RS4u>

If you have difficulty accessing the link, please give our ‘Christmas Elf’ Daisy Binnie a call, and she will be able to help you!

Message from the Hollow Lane Club Trustees – The Hollow Lane Club really need some new Trustees and we are very keen to have parents/carers involved. We also need to recruit a Treasurer as well as general Trustees. If you would be interested, please contact chair@hollowlane.org.uk Please also share this request amongst friends, family and colleagues. Thank you.

Snacks – Please remember to send your child into school with a healthy snack to eat during the morning break. We are beginning to see pupils arrive with cakes and sweet biscuits, but politely ask that you provide a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit or breadsticks for example. Thank you.

Special Occasions – We appreciate birthdays are very special and for some of our pupils, this is their only opportunity to celebrate their day with friends. However, please do not send birthday cake or sweet confectionery treats into school with your child.

We have a number of pupils who are gastro-fed or have particular dietary requirements, so we mark the occasion of your child’s birthday by playing a game in class, or by singing. Classes do make sure your child celebrates their birthday in a way for everyone to enjoy. Thank you for your understanding.

Covid-19 Update – If you have a test result you need to inform us about, please use this specific email address:

covid19@learntolivefederation.co.uk

This email is monitored daily and School Administrators will inform your teacher and selected senior leaders of any updates. If your child needs to stay at home to self-isolate, please continue to leave a message on the School Absence Line but if you could also email the above email address, it would be great. Thank you.

Bidwell Brook Consultation – Devon County Council has now approved the increase in pupil capacity from 110 to 140 day places from September 2021.

Two Surveys – We've been asked to circulate a couple of surveys to families:

1) The Royal College for Speech & Language is keen to hear how Covid 19 has impacted on people's access to Speech & Language Therapy. The link to the survey is <https://t.co/mp5TW4AoCx?amp=1>

2) Best Start in Life Parent Questionnaire – Please see the attached poster or follow this link <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BestStart/>

News from the School – The pupils in KS2 have recently been learning from home, with their families.

In PSHE, we have made a variety of creative candles, as we have been observing The Festival of Light that is celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs. Some candles were also made in honour of the Jewish celebration, Hanukkah.



The children have been learning about diversity and demonstrating respect and understanding of people who may live differently from themselves. Some candles were easy to make, whilst others were a little more complex. Well done everyone!

Kind regards,

Jacqui Warne – Executive Head