



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

11th June 2021

PUSHED FOR TIME? QUICK SUMMARY:

- **Hot Weather** – Please send your child into school with a named hat and named water bottle. Please put suncream on your child before they leave home and pop a bottle of suncream in their bag to allow staff to re-apply it during the day as necessary.
- **BB Extension Work** – Photos are below, work will continue until the end of the summer holiday.
- **BB Playground** – We are revamping our outdoor play space. Phase One work needs to be completed by September. FOBBS, Friends of Bidwell Brook School are collecting donations towards new play equipment via GoFundMe <https://gofund.me/61c91c14>
- **Post 16 - School Transport** – School Transport is not automatically in place for Post 16 students. If you have a young person in Year 11, moving to FE from September 2021, you will need to speak with School Transport to discuss your options for getting your young person to school next year. For Devon's Transport Team call 01392 383000 or for Torbay's Transport Team call 01803 207688 or 01803 208244.
- **Exeter Mobility Centre** – If you would like your child to attend a clinic on Wednesday 30th June, please email Raegan Hunt on rhunt@bidwellbrook.devon.sch.uk There are 7 spaces available.
- **One for the Diary - Diversity Week** – 21st to 25th of June – Across the week, we will be focusing on LGBT+ awareness for our students. On Friday 25th June, please could your child come into school wearing something bright or rainbow coloured. Thank you.
- **Disability Cricket and Para Football** – Sessions are available for youth and adults – see posters below.
- **Children & Family Health Devon** – Could you spare some time to work with Children & Family Health Devon to share your experience of healthcare services? If so, please email the Participation Team to have your say: Participation@youngdevon.org
- **Snippets** – Information attached x 2.

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the second half of the Summer Term. Finally, the weather has warmed up and the sun is shining most days. Please ensure your child has a named hat and named water bottle in their bag, and has been applied with suncream before they come into school. If you pop the bottle of suncream in their bag, classroom staff can re-apply the suncream during the day as necessary. Thank you.

Bidwell Brook School Extension – Yesterday, Senior Leaders had a sneak peek inside the new extension. There are four new classrooms, toilets and changing areas and upstairs, an extended working space to hold meetings, training etc. Work will continue on the extension until the end of the summer holiday.





Classroom



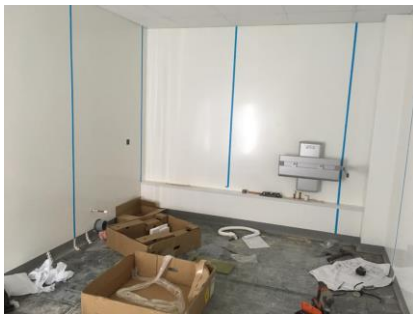
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Changing Area



Toilets



Second floor meeting room/training area

Bidwell Brook School Playground – As you can appreciate, the contractors have needed to disturb a substantial area of the playground, giving us the opportunity to update the outdoor play area. Phase One of the playground work will need to include surfacing and also installation of some play equipment which will likely include a multi-use swing, spinner, wheelchair roundabout and wheelchair trampoline. We have started our fundraising and are heading towards being able to fund the surfacing works but will need help in purchasing the play equipment. FOBBS, Friends of Bidwell Brook School, are currently collecting donations towards Phase One of the playground via GoFundMe <https://gofund.me/61c91c14>

If you are able to contribute to this fundraising or can share the link far and wide, this would be great. Please click on the link above. Thank you so much!

School Transport – Post 16 Vacant Seat Applications - If your young person is moving from Year 11 (Key Stage 4) into Year 12 (FE/Key Stage 5) from September 2021, you will not automatically have a place on School Transport next year. You will need to contact your relevant School Transport Team who will be able to discuss Vacant Seats and options. To contact Devon’s School Transport Team, please call 01392 383000. For Torbay’s School Transport Team, please call 01803 207688 or 01803 208244.

Exeter Mobility Centre – Exeter Mobility will be holding a clinic at Bidwell Brook School on Wednesday 30th June 2021. This is for Bidwell Brook students only (not Hex students). There are 7 spaces available. If you would like your child to attend, please contact Raegan Hunt – email rhunt@bidwellbrook.devon.sch.uk or call the school office.



Diversity Week – 21st to 25th June 2021 – Just to let you know that the school will be celebrating Diversity Week this year with a special focus on LGBT+ awareness for our students.

As a finale to a week of learning and stories etc, we would like to celebrate ‘Rainbow Friday’ on Friday 25th of June by all students and staff wearing something bright or rainbow coloured to school.

Free Disability Cricket – Sessions are available in Plymouth and also in Exeter:



**Super
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is back!**

Free disability cricket!

Challenge yourself!
All disabilities welcome | Ages 12-25

Every Thursday at 4pm - 5pm
Manadon Sports Hub, Plymouth, PL5 3JG

For more information contact:
Lewis.Fountain@devoncricket.co.uk
or visit: lordstaverners.org/super1s



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Every Wednesday at 5pm - 6pm
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Para Football – Sessions are available in Exeter for both youth and adult players:



Para Football
Exeter City
Ability Counts (youth)

CITY COMMUNITY TRUST
Making Greater Exeter Greater

Inclusive mixed football for children and young people with learning, developmental, sensory & physical impairments
Age groups 6-10 (Years 4-7) & 11-15 (Years 8-11)

Sundays 4-5.30pm

Exeter City Cliff Hill Training Ground, Sidmouth Rd, Exeter EX5 1DP



For further info and to register contact Exeter City Community Trust
www.exetercct.org | 01392 255 611



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Para Football
Exeter City
Ability Counts (Adults)

CITY COMMUNITY TRUST
Making Greater Exeter Greater

Inclusive Men's and Women's football teams for adults (age 16+) with learning, developmental, sensory & physical impairments
Represent Exeter City in the Devon Ability Counts League

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Children & Family Health Devon - Are you a parent, carer or young person with a passion for sharing your life experiences to help improve the services you use?

Contact the Participation Team at Young Devon to have your say:

Participation@youngdevon.org

Snippets – Information attached x2.

Kind regards,



Jacqui Warne - Executive Head

Children & Family Health Devon Leaders

Can you bring your experience of healthcare services and work with them to create change? Do you want to have a say in how services develop and improve?

We want to make sure children, young people, their families and carers will have a genuine voice in co-producing services, influencing strategic direction and creating positive change.

That's why we have Children Family Health Devon Leaders groups. They are teams of young people, parents and carers who work in partnership with services to improve and change the way they operate. Giving feedback, ideas and guidance so that services work best for the people they support.

Your lived experience and passion is all that matters. No other experience necessary

Contact us by emailing Participation@youngdevon.org

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