

NEWSLETTER (21/1/2019)



Open Morning

Don't forget we have our next 'Open Morning' session on Wednesday this week, 9.30-10.30am. Those parents who came to the last session thoroughly enjoyed it so do come along if you can.

Maths Workshop for Parents – KS1

Tracey Vickery will be leading a Maths Workshop for parents of KS1 children at 2pm tomorrow (Tuesday 22nd January). This will be an informative session when parents can find out how we teach maths at KS1 and how they can support children at home with maths activities. Do come along if you can.



Managing the Money Maze (for adults)

This is a free, fun & interactive workshop delivered through a series of games, providing tips and tools to help build confidence in managing money and dealing with financial challenges (Budget not Bodgit!). It is taking place at the Bideford Family Centre (Rope Walk, Bideford EX39 2PF) on Tuesday 29th January, 9.30am-1.30pm. Refreshments will be provided.

PTA

Many thanks to all those who were able to attend the recent PTA meeting – lots of ideas were put forward for future events. These include a Cider & Pasty Quiz Night (date TBC), Easter Egg Race Bingo (Friday 5th April after school) and a fundraising event & coffee morning to coincide with World Book Day on 7th March. More details to follow. At the meeting, PTA agreed to purchase a class set of Djembe drums and Boomwhackers which have arrived in school today and will be put to great use – especially with our current 'Amazing Africa' project. They are accessible to all ages and we know they will be both educational and fun!



Swimming

Swimming will continue this half term for Badger class; if you haven't yet sent in the requested voluntary contribution and are able to do so, please return this with the response slip from the previous newsletter – thank you. Sessions after half term will be for Foxes class; they will be swimming for 5 sessions and we will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 per week please towards costs (transport & pool costs are £243 per week). If we were able to use parents to help with transport this would save a huge amount and reduce costs to £80 per week – we don't anticipate there being enough people available to help to make this work but, in case we are wrong, can parents of Foxes class please indicate on the slip below whether they would be able to help (if we get more than enough this could be on a rota basis of course).



Clubs

The Choir Club with Tony will start on Wednesday lunchtime this week. There is a small group interested in a KS1 football club but the only time available is Monday after school so it will depend if there are enough able to attend at that time – Carly hopes to set this up to start in February.

Dance Festival

Badger Class are due to attend this event on Wednesday afternoon this week; unfortunately, there is no availability of the minibus and we are short on drivers; we know lots of parents have other genuine commitments (like work!) but if you are able to help, even one way, that would be hugely helpful. We have two staff members attending who will take children but more help is needed please, we will be really disappointed not to be able to go. Can you send in a note or phone the office if you are able to help – we will need to leave school by 12.20 as the event starts at 12.45 and finishes at 2.30pm. Children will need a packed lunch (so they can eat early), a drink and their normal PE kit with them please.

Thank you.



Cross Country at St Petrocs, Bude

We have been invited to attend this annual event which is taking place at Crooklets on Friday, 1st February. It is a great event for the children to attend and all children in year 3-6 are encouraged to take part. The event starts at 12.45 (to walk the course) so we will need to leave here asap after 12pm with the children having an early packed lunch. St Petrocs are not charging to take part but will be selling light refreshments/snacks in the pavilion after the event, the children will each be given a voucher for a free hot chocolate but parents may like to send along a small amount of money for them to purchase something. We have booked a minibus to help with transport but will need several parent volunteers as well please – it is always an enjoyable event in a beautiful location – do join us if you can. A response slip is provided below.



Music - reminder

Our new music tutor, Tony Jones, will be offering a couple of clubs as well as private lessons (trumpet, cornet, baritone), vocal coaching and music theory, these will be lunchtime and after school on Thursdays. The cost will be £10 per a 20-minute lesson, or for any children that are already competent, a one-hour lesson for £20. Tony can do a one-hour group lesson for up to 5 children if there is sufficient interest (with the charge shared accordingly). Tony hopes to make instruments available through his Holsworthy Town Band connection. Music clubs will be choir on Wednesday lunchtimes and Pocket Trumpet Club which will be for 1 hour after school on Wednesdays (there will be a £2 charge to help towards costs). We have a class set of instruments on hire and children will be able to borrow those – parents will be required to sign to take responsibility for any instrument being borrowed through the school. If anyone else is interested in the pocket trumpet club or music lessons, please let us know asap so these can be booked in – see response slip from previous newsletter - thank you.



Odd Jobs!

We have lots of little jobs doing around the school and preschool so if anyone has a bit of spare time and would be willing to come into school and ‘get stuck in’ that would be fantastic. Thank you to the couple of parents who have already got involved, still plenty of room for more though!

Foxes Class (Year 3 & 4)

My child will be taking part in the Foxes Class swimming session on Monday afternoons from 25/2-25/3/19 and their swimming ability is:

Water confident Yes/No Swimmer Yes/No Distance can swim _____

I would be able to help with transport for these sessions if required (leaving school at 1pm, returning approx. 3pm) Yes/No

And I could take _____ children with suitable seatbelts, and have the necessary insurance cover.

Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

Foxes & Badgers

My child/ren _____ are taking part in the Cross Country event at Bude on Friday 1st February. I give permission for any medical treatment to be administered in an emergency and my contact number(s) will be : _____

I am/am not able to help with transport and can take ____ children with appropriate seatbelts. I confirm I have the necessary insurance cover.

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____