



2016-2017
FAMILY
NEWSLETTER



Friday 7th June 2017

No. 63



Dates for your Diary

July:

Lower school Sports – Tues 11th

Upper School Sports – Thur 13th

Ellen Tinkham Fete – Fri 14th

Prize Giving – Mon 17th

Summer Ball at ETC – Fri 21st

Last day of term – Tues 25th

September:

Staff Training Days – Mon 4th to Wed 6th

Pupils Return to School – Thur 7th

Message from Jacqui Warne:

Dear Parents & Carers,

Date Reminder – We've had a few calls into the office this week regarding term dates. The last day of term is Tuesday 25th July (the school is shut on Wednesday 26th July 2017). The pupils return in the Autumn Term on Thursday 7th September 2017. There are staff training days at the school on Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th September 2017). Thank you.

Consultations to Increase Pupil Places – Following consultation, we have received confirmation from Devon County Council's Cabinet Members that Bidwell Brook School is able to increase its pupil places from 95 to 110 from September 2017. Ellen Tinkham School's consultation to increase pupil numbers from 155 to 180 is still progressing.

South Africa Fun Day – Thank you for supporting this event last Saturday. The weather was glorious and everyone had a great day. The total raised was £1,165 which will go directly towards funding the South Africa Trip next summer.



ellentinkham.devon.sch.uk



[ellentinkhamschoolexeter](https://www.facebook.com/ellentinkhamschoolexeter)



[@EllenTinkham](https://twitter.com/EllenTinkham)



ellentinkhamschool.primaryblogger.co.uk



Ellen Tinkham School's Fete – Save the Date! Friday 14th July from 10 am until 12 noon! Classes have been busy organising their own gifts and games for you to play, so we hope you will be able to join us.

Donations - If you can donate any non-perishable items for our food hamper, the PTFA would love to receive these from you. Also if you have any donations of good quality bric-a-brac, books, plants, nearly/new toys or a spare full wine bottle or two (!), we would really appreciate these as well. Thank you for your continued support.

Raffle Tickets - Have already been sent home. Please could you return any unsold tickets to the school office or bring them with you on the day? There is always a steady stream of visitors to the raffle stall buying last minute tickets and the PTFA would hate to run out! Any sold ticket stubs and monies to be returned to the School Office in the meantime. Thank you very much.

Sickness & Diahorrea – Just a reminder that should your child become ill with sickness and/or diahorrea, please do not allow them to return to school for 48 hours from the **last bout of illness**. This will help stop any bugs spreading throughout the school to other children and also staff.



On to other news from around the school:

Message from Lesley Williams:

REMINDED: PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Just a reminder that nominations for our parent governor will be closing at noon on Monday 10th July.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete and sign the enclosed nomination form and return to either the school office addressed to Jacqui Warne as the returning officer, or email your nomination directly to the clerk to governors on:

clerk@learntolivefederation.co.uk no later than 12 noon Monday 10th July 2017. If two or more nominations are received, an election by secret ballot will be held. If an election is required, details of the procedure will be sent to all parents.

Message from Ladybird class.

If you have any unwanted books, please could you send them in to school for the Ladybird class stall at the Summer fete, Friday 14th July.

Message from Sue Smye:

National Junior Disability Athletics Championships

Many congratulations to Casey from Turquoise Class who won a silver medal in the 400m in these national championships. Last Saturday, July 1st, he travelled with his parents to Coventry to compete. Apparently he was one of the youngest and smallest athletes there; his first race was 100m, and in Casey's own words he wasn't really concentrating, but still ran under 20 sec and finished 5th. In the afternoon he competed in the 400m and was placed 2nd in his age group. Brilliant Casey - we are all very proud of you.

Tuesday July 11th : Lower School Sports Day

Parents and carers are welcome to watch the races on the field 1.45-2.45

Thursday July 13th- Upper School Sports Day

Parents and carers are welcome to watch the races on the field 1.45-2.45

Message from Deb Ward:

AFTER SCHOOL DISCO – 14TH JULY

There are still some places available for the After School Disco on Friday 14th July. If you would like your child to come along, please send the reply slip with £10 to Deb Ward. There is a letter attached to this newsletter with all the details of timings etc.

SUMMER CLUB – PAYMENT AND PAPERWORK

All payments and paperwork must be sent in by Monday 10th July to guarantee your place at Summer Club. If you have mislaid paperwork, please speak to Deb who will send out further copies. We must have all the up to date information before your child attends. There is only a couple of weeks until the end of term and we now need to finalise all the group folders etc.

HOLLOW LANE CLUB – FEES

All outstanding fees for any of the Clubs must be paid in full by the end of term. Please remember to include your child's name with any payments made on line so that I know who the payment relates to.

Message from Alex Copp:

I have decided to take part and run in this year's Great west run(13.1Miles) and raise money for Pete's Dragons as they provide care/respice to help families after the loss of a loved one due to suicide.

Too many people suffer in silence, I was emotionally taken aback a few weeks ago whilst watching Countryfile, not only for the work that each "Dragon" does for the families and the people left behind after such an event, but also I hadn't heard of this charity before seeing the show.

I'm hoping that I can help someone somewhere and also to raise awareness by running a short distance.

Also visit the Pete's Dragon's website to see how great their work truly is, if you would like to help/fundraise for them also.

See link below on

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/coppslongestrun>

Message from Turquoise Class:

We are looking for a coat (size 10/11yrs) belonging to one of the girls in Turquoise Class. It is black with pink inside and is named. We would be grateful if you could check at home please.

Message from Dee Weiner:

Between the 8th & 11th August I will be competing in Badminton for the Southwest at the National Special Olympic Summer Games live in Sheffield. There will be an opening ceremony on 8th August & the whole event will be televised by 10 different TV crews.

Message from Amy Ley:

Film club will be happening on MONDAY 24th July, and the film club group will providing free popcorn and drink for all students as a special end of term treat.

Enjoy your weekend



Jacqui Warne
Executive Head