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NEWSLETTER



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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**Message from Jacqui Warne:**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! I hope you enjoyed the half term break.

There are various events taking place over the next few weeks - the Fun Day to raise money for students and staff venturing to South Africa in 2018, our School Fete, sports days and the prize giving ceremony amongst many others. As always, please keep an eye on the above "Dates" and check our website for any updates.

Pupils from all across the school have already participated in a range of residential trips this year, including the Calvert Trust and Freshwater Bay; some meeting up with fellow Bidwell Brook students and staff during their time away. Thank you for supporting the students to be able to take part in these trips.

**Term Date Changes for the Academic Year 2017-2018** - Due to mandatory staff training commitments, we are slightly changing our Term Dates for next year. Pupils will return to school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017, not Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017. And the last day for pupils will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018, not Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018. A full list of revised dates is attached.

**Ellen Tinkham School – Increase in Pupil Numbers** – The Local Authority is going through a consultation to increase pupil numbers at Ellen Tinkham School from 155 to 180 as from September. This is due to the additional space provided by the Bodley House building. If you would like further information about this consultation, please check the website for details.

*On to other news from around the school:*

**Message from Nikki Burroughs:**

If any parents have successfully obtained swimming lessons for their son or daughter please could you let me know who you have used as we have quite a few children who are looking for swimming lessons.



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## Message from Sue Smye:

On Monday 5th June, a group of 25 students from KS 3, KS 4 and F.E. College made the short trip to Exeter Arena to take part in the South West Disability Athletics Championships. Despite the weather being more typical of a winter's rather than summer's day, everyone entered into the spirit and competed in races on the track, long jump into the sand pit, and throwing the javelin. I am still waiting to receive the official results and to find out whether anyone performed well enough to qualify for the national Championships, but there were definitely some outstanding performances from our athletes. Students who came first in at least one of their races were : Anthony, Katie (1st in all 3 of hers), Adam, Maddy, Izzie, Isaac and Casey, and all the supporting staff were very impressed with the effort levels displayed by all our students, especially with their first challenge of running 400m.

## Message from Hollow Lane Club:

If you have not already done so, please return all completed paperwork for Summer Club to Deb Ward together with any outstanding payment.

Please remember to include your child's name as a reference when paying by BACS.

You are invited to the Ellen Tinkham School Summer fun day!

Saturday 1st July

10:30 - 3:30

Live music, BBQ, games, stalls, refreshments and more!

Watch this space for more information



**\*REVISED\* TERM DATES 2017-2018  
as at June 2017**

**AUTUMN TERM 2017**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Staff Training Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Pupils Return to School
w/c Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2017	Half-Term Week
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Occasional Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Last Day of Term

**SPRING TERM 2018**

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2018	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018	Pupils Return to School
w/c Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Half-Term Week
Thursday 29 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018	Last Day of Term

**SUMMER TERM 2018**

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Pupils Return to School
w/c Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Half-Term Week
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Last Day of Term for Pupils
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Staff Training Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Occasional Day

DISC Plus – There are many events and activities across Devon being advertised through DISC Plus. To view their latest newsletter, go to <https://virg.in/DISCplusSpring> or email Khristine Taylor via [Khristine.Taylor@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Khristine.Taylor@devon.gov.uk) for further information.

Exeter and East Devon Down's Syndrome Group – Again, this group organise many activities for families. If you would like details of what's going on, please contact Harriet Hall on 01392 410817. This group has their own Facebook page and offer opportunities for families to meet and enjoy free days out.

A free day of creativity and learning for all the family at the University of Exeter



<http://www.artsandculturexeter.co.uk/event/1538/think-art/>

Free entry - just drop in

[The Forum](#) - University of Exeter

17th June 2017 from 11 am to 4 pm

Running time: 5 hours

Age: Family event

***Think...Art* is a free day of creativity and learning for all the family in the Forum on the University of Exeter's Streatham Campus.**

During the day a host of drop-in art activities will be on offer, including print making, model making, painting and working with textiles. Discover how a camera obscura works, find out about planets and make models inside a giant cardboard book! On display will also be memorabilia from Exeter City Football Club.

All the activities will have a connection with key areas of research at the University including Identities and Beliefs, Environment and Sustainability, Functional Materials and more.

During the event, drinks, snacks and meals will be available to buy from a variety of food stalls.

Everyone is welcome to this free public event which is suitable for all the family. **Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**

This event accompanies the exhibition [\*The Observatory: perspectives on landscape, society and spirit\*](#), a series of forty artworks inspired by research at the University, created by artists from the South West, which will be on show in the Forum from 11 - 18 June 2017.

[\*\*Click here to find out how to get to the Streatham Campus, including parking.\*\*](#)

**Parking will be free in Campus car parks on Saturday 17 June.**

To view Disabled Living June 2017 newsletter please click [here](#).



Enjoy your weekend

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacqui Warne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a period at the end.

**Jacqui Warne**  
**Executive Head**