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FAMILY
NEWSLETTER



Friday 21st April 2017

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Dates for your Diary

May:
Bank Holiday – Mon 1st
Half Term – Mon 29th to Fri 2nd June

Message from Jacqui Warne:

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term! I hope you enjoyed the wonderfully sunny Easter break.

This term we have Ten Tors expeditions taking place at both schools, residentials and lots of summer activities! Classes will keep you informed on events taking place as the term progresses.

Warmer Weather – Please ensure your child comes into school with a sun hat and applied sun cream, plus sun cream for staff to apply throughout the day as required

Consultation to Increase Pupil Numbers at Bidwell Brook – The consultation is progressing to increase pupil numbers at Bidwell Brook from 95 to 110 as from September is progressing. If you would like to comment, please see the full proposal on the Bidwell Brook website www.bidwellbrook.devon.sch.uk

On to other news from around the school:

Message from EEDDS:- DSActive football update, Easter bowling, possible training day

For our Exeter City/DSActive footballers: unfortunately an email didn't get to me, and Rob and I (and I suspect others) assumed that, since the Riverside Centre was out of action, there might not be any sessions for a while. Good news - the sessions are running, please note new time and venue: **11-12 am** at the multi-use games area, **Exeter University Sports Park, Stocker Rd, EX4 4QN, 01392 72 44 52**. The dates are unchanged: 29 April, 6 May, 10 June. Hope to see you there!



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Hello bowlers! If there is sufficient interest, I am planning to arrange a bowling session on **Tuesday 11 April**. If you would like to come along, could you please let me know, or ask your parents/carers to let me know in the next few days (ideally by Mon 3rd). We will probably go for our usual time of 2pm but I will confirm once I have made the booking. As always, siblings of the young person with Down's are very welcome, but can you please give me their age(s), for the booking. If you haven't been bowling with us before, why not give it a go? We're a friendly group and like to meet new people.

Many thanks to all those of you who have responded, via email or Facebook, with expressions of interest in the possibility of a **training day or half-day with David Cudworth** (see my previous mailings, or posting on EEDDS's Facebook page a little while ago, or get in touch with me, to find out more). We have quite a number of people interested now, but need a few more to make it viable, so please do get in touch if you would be interested, and let's make it happen!

And lastly - someone related to me is running the **London Marathon**, with a friend, to raise money for the Down's Syndrome Association. Naturally we're going to London to cheer them on on the 23rd! They would be hugely grateful for any contribution you might be able to make to help them to their target: go to:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=MatthewHall23>

Message from Snippets:

Devon Parent Carers Voice AGM

Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre 5th July 2017. Rob Long presenting – 'Reasons to be Cheerful Part 2 - Tips, Tactics and Techniques for managing challenging behaviour'. This is a 'date for the diary'

Booking is not yet open for this event as it is currently being organised, as soon as the booking facility is open, we will let you know.

To find out more about DPCV go to: www.dpcv.org.uk

- **Mencap - Planning for the Future**

Planning for the future is Mencap's free Wills and Trust seminar service offering practical information about setting up a Will or Trust. Held around the country, these friendly, informative two-hour seminars provide clear, helpful advice on how best to provide financial security for a relative with a learning disability. The seminars are delivered by solicitors who specialise in this complex area of law.

They will help you understand the merits of all your different options, and answer any questions you may have about this important decision. There are seminars all

over the country, the Devon event is Thursday 4 May 2017, Barnstaple Town Council, Barum House, The Square, Barnstaple, Devon, EX32 8LS 12.30pm-2.30pm. Find out more about Planning for the Future seminars call Gina on 0207 696 6925 or email: willsandtrusts@mencap.org.uk

- **Kids Pass**

What is Kids Pass? Kids Pass Members enjoy huge savings nationwide on a wide range of activities, eating out and holidays, members save on average £50 per month. To find out more go to: <https://www.kidspass.co.uk/> or contact: enquiries@kidspass.co.uk tel: 0161 244 8225

- **Youth Arts & Health Trust**

Youth Arts & Health Trust provides arts opportunities and art therapies for children and young people aged 5-25. Find out more about them online at www.youthartsandhealth.org

- **South Hams Children's Centre Summer Timetable**

Click on the link below to view the latest timetable and news for South Hams Children's Centres. [Summer Term Newsletter](#)

- **PenCRU**

Click on the link below to read the latest newsletter, available to read on the PenCRU website:

[http://www.pencru.org/media/universityofexeter/medicalschoo/subsites/pencru/Newsletter 24th ed FINAL.pdf](http://www.pencru.org/media/universityofexeter/medicalschoo/subsites/pencru/Newsletter%2024th%20ed%20FINAL.pdf)

Message from Emma Allen:

This is an exciting opportunity for our college students to show case some of their art work from this year and be involved with the Art Week Exeter festival 2017. For more information please follow the links:

<http://www.artweekexeter.org.uk/>

[Art Week Exeter — 13–21 May 2017](#)

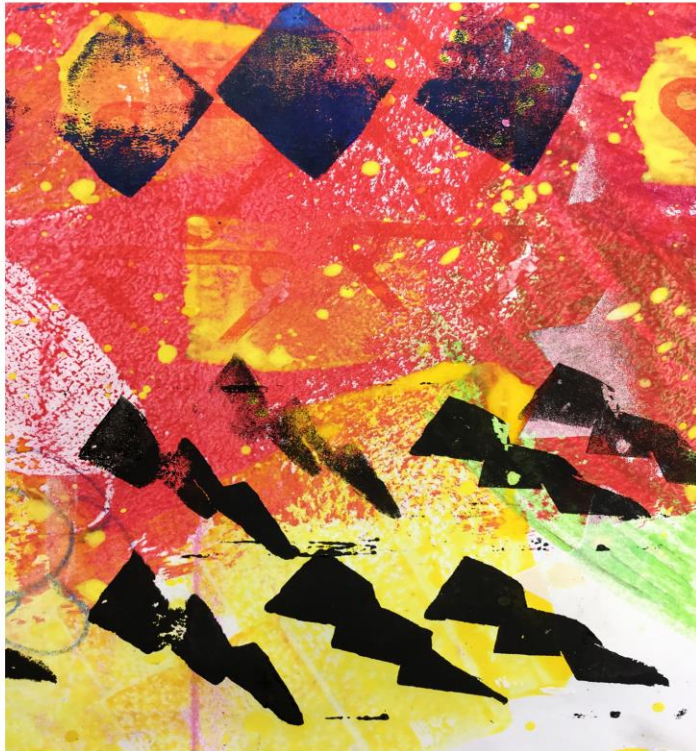
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[Art Week Exeter — an art festival for Exeter. Across the city, 13–21 May 2017.](#)



Art Week Exeter
across the city 9-15 May 2016

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Sun 14th 11.30-4
Mon 15th- Fri 19th 10-4
Sat 20th 10-12 noon
Sun 21st 11.30-4

level access on request:01392-285983 visitors@exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Enjoy your weekend

Jacqui Warne
Executive Head