



School Newsletter

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Friday 2nd July 2021

Weekly Update

Dear Parents

Class Staffing and Restructure

Thank you for joining us on Tuesday night. The school restructure has been the result of many factors, including the falling numbers and we have looked at several different options. The needs of the children and the whole community have been at the centre of the Trust's decisions.

The following is a summary of the main points raised at the meeting

- We are not shutting the small schools in the Trust and we want to do everything to keep schools as a focal-points in our communities. We believe it is our civic responsibility and never has it felt more important as we begin to come out of the Covid pandemic.
- In September the Trust will start to operate an income pooling system, allowing small schools to benefit from larger schools' budgets. This is particularly beneficial to us in this difficult period.
- To make the best possible arrangements for the children at both schools we had to carefully consider the skills and needs of the staff, as well as and the needs of the individual schools.
- Mrs Tucker-Grant was chosen to join us at Bradford. She has proven experience in teaching a mixed aged class and is well loved by the children and the community. She has a wealth of experience, teaching in a Y3–Y6 class for the last six years. She has a passion for outdoor learning and recently completed the Wild Tribe training with Miss Southam. She has the necessary skills, knowledge and attributes needed to make sure all children meet their end goals.
- An Early Career Teacher has also been appointed to join us in September, following recruitment drives led by the Executive Team. She will be working alongside Mrs Tucker-Grant. This will allow for very small groups and the Y2/Y3 will follow their own curriculum. The ample space and super grounds, along with the fantastic technology available will mean that a very healthy adult to pupil ratio will be in place. Y4/Y5/Y6 will follow their own curriculum and expectations will remain high, ensuring that all children meet their potential. The adults will support all the children in turn and the timetable will be created to maximise the situation we have in place. Expectations for learning remain high but we are very mindful that we want our children to develop as individuals too. The uniqueness of the school is the family feel and this will be built upon and celebrated.
- Ms Lee, our wonderful Teaching Assistant, will continue to support the children in the school full-time. Ms Lee offers continuity and knows the school and its community well. She will deliver individual support, catch-up interventions and will be a familiar face for our children.
- Stronger links and greater collaboration will be a more regular feature of the schools. This will allow the children at both sites to build bigger friendship groups, to mix and develop with other similar aged pupils, to be challenged and have the opportunity to engage with different dynamics. Mrs Tucker-Grant will be able to facilitate this easily across the sites, both virtually and face to face.
- Mrs Bunning continues her role as SENDCo across all three schools and will monitor and offer support and advice to all our parents. She remains in contact with all three sites and is instrumental in making this new structure a success.

- We are having close discussions with small schools in Cornwall to share good practice and ideas about this model of education.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Southam and to wish her all the best for her new role starting in September. Miss Southam has wanted to develop and broaden her career by seeking wider opportunities. She has been teaching at Bradford since she first qualified and has successfully gained a position in a larger school. We all certainly wish her every success and thank her for the time and commitment she has invested in the school in the last six years.

It is my intention to grow and build both schools. The enormous success of the Bouncy Babies is a sign of things to come. Rachael Poole and her team have promoted the group brilliantly and have attracted over twenty new babies and toddlers in the three short weeks.

If you have any further questions about this restructure and what it means for you then please do contact me directly. I will be more than happy to discuss this with you.



Star Learners

Class One



Class Two



This week in English Class 1 have started to follow the literary text from the book *The Tin Forest*



In Class Two in their Design Technology Lessons are making African Thumb Piano's called Kalimba.

Friday 23rd July - Lunch

As there are no hot meals on Friday 23rd July the kitchen at Holsworthy Community College will be providing a picnic lunch for the children. The lunch will include sandwiches (filling choice to be chosen via your School Gateway account) along with sausage rolls, crisps, salad, cakes and a mixture of fruit.

Class One Beach Trip

Wishing Mrs Morris and Mrs Godfrey all the best as Class One join Class One from Black Torrington on the Beach Trip.

- to wear clothes suitable for the weather and for playing on the beach
- shoes suitable for rock pooling such as neoprene shoes, old trainers or sandals (these need to stay on the foot, so no flip flops please)
- spare shoes for travelling in if their others are wet
- spare clothes in case their others get wet
- a towel
- sun hat and a coat
- a drink bottle
- packed lunch (or pre-order one from school)
- sun cream if the weather is hot

Please could the children have their things in a back pack that they can carry themselves.

On the day please bring your child directly to Widemouth Bay beach car park to meet Mrs Morris and Mrs Godfrey at 9:30 am. They will wait in the car park near the toilet block to meet all the children, the children will then need to be collected from the same place at 3.00pm. Thank you to Mr Goodwin for the Gazebo idea!

SPORTS DAY

Wear your PE kit to school on TUESDAY

Thank you for your support
Miss Sunita Chauhan

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