



Bude Primary Academy

Head of School – Mrs Sarah Robinson

Friday 15th October

Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been a very difficult week for our school as we have had lots of staff absence due to a variety of reasons - not all Covid related. Unfortunately, teaching supply agencies are also under lots of pressure as all schools are placing unprecedented demands upon them. They simply haven't got the capacity needed and are often cancelling on us at the last minute. We are again dealing with the outcomes of new Covid guidance and trying to navigate an unknown. I am very disappointed with having to close two of our classes due to insufficient staffing numbers, but this was absolutely the right decision under the circumstances. Being a leader in education in the current climate is testing everyone's resilience and until we walk in another's shoes, we can never really understand what their experiences are. I am very sorry that parents/carers are again being inconvenienced and life for some is being made all that bit harder, but please remember lots of our staff are parents too and are experiencing similar difficulties. Nikki has done a great job in the office and if you do have any questions, please remember she can only answer with what she knows and is able to legally share. These are strenuous times for us all.

The staff in school have worked incredibly hard and gone over and above to keep the rest of the school buzzing with learning and safe. We have so far managed to keep breakfast club and after school club running thanks to staff volunteering. Without their dedication to our school community, the situation would be far worse. There will no doubt be more disappointments, if we have to postpone planned events, but in this new ever-changing world of Covid nothing is for certain.

Since September we have maintained all the Covid measures of regular handwashing, ventilation, outdoor learning where possible, assemblies remotely or outside (e.g. singing assemblies) and have encouraged parents/carers to get PCR tests when any child has presented with symptoms – new and old versions and wear masks when on site. We will continue to follow the guidance from Public Health.

On a more positive note, please take a look at the latest edition of The Splash when this is published, as this will demonstrate all we have been able to offer your children so far this term.

I stay hopeful for more settled times to come.

Mrs S Robinson

Please see below for more admin information.

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Next week is school menu week 1

Nasal Flu Vaccine consent reminder

If you would like your child to have the nasal flu vaccine on Tuesday 2nd November, please consent. Details are on the letter attached. This will be even more important this year as medical experts believe Flu will be more prevalent.

Parents evening 9th and 10th November

More details to follow on how to book to see your child's class teacher.

HLTA Sandymouth

We are very delighted to have recruited a HLTA for Sandymouth and she has already started to work in school. Her name is Miss Garnett and she has a very extensive CV which includes playing rugby for England (100 caps).

Year 6 swimming lessons

Swimming lessons will start on Monday 1st November each class will have 5 sessions. Widemouth will start on Monday 1st to Friday 5th November every day for 1 hour. Wanson class will go on Monday 8th to Friday 12th November. This will be on ParentPay next week.

Year 6 Heights and Weights

The year 6 height and weight check will take place in school on Tuesday 9th November. An email with the child health booklet was sent on 27th September. If you would like to opt out of your child having the check, please click the opt out button under the heading "withdrawing your child from health screening"



New Facebook page

We have a new Facebook page at the Junior school. @BPAjuniors please search for this in Facebook or click on the link below.

www.facebook.com/BPAjuniors

Healthy snacks

If your child brings a snack into school for break time, please make sure it is only fruit, veg or a healthy cereal bar.

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After school PE clubs

New after school clubs are starting after half term. Your child will need to come to school in their PE kit if they are attending an after-school PE club.

Monday Year 3 Football club 3.15pm-4.00pm

Tuesday Year 5 Football club 3.15pm-4.00pm

Thursday Year 4 Tag rugby 3.15pm-4.00pm

These clubs will be on Parentpay next week. There are only 16 spaces available for each after-school club.

Music lessons

If you would like to sign up for music lessons, please visit

<http://cornwallmusicstrust.org/signup/>

Kate Tidball is offering violin lessons please contact

ktidball@cornwallmusicstrust.org if you would like to sign up.

If you are interested in drum lessons with Tim Brooks, please look at his YouTube video with this link

<https://youtu.be/ZboGX0a8yl4> if you would like more information from Tim about drum lessons, please contact with this email address

tbrooks@cornwallmusicstrust.org

Transfer to secondary school – Year 6 parents

The deadline to apply for a place in Year 7 at secondary school is 31st October 2021.

To apply please visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Year 6 Hoodies

Should you need to order a Year 6 hoody please do so by **October 15th**. Any orders placed will be processed and delivered to school the first week back after half term (week commencing November 1st). : <https://myschoolhoodie.co.uk/bude-primary-school-2022-leavers-hoodies/>

Diary dates

Friday 22 nd October	Inset day – school closed to pupils
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October	Half term
Monday 1 st November	Return to school
Wednesday 15 th December	Church visit, Christmas dinner
Friday 17 th December	Carol service outdoor, Last day of term
20 th December – 3 rd January	Christmas holidays
Tuesday 4 th January	Return to school

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Notes from the office:

- Should you be happy for your child to walk home, or leave school accompanied, please can you telephone the office so we can amend the consent section on their records.
- Please let the office if you need to change your contact details. It is important we have an up-to-date telephone number.
- **Please settle your child's parent pay accounts;** breakfast club, school meals and after school accounts must all be either in credit or have a £0 balance. Unfortunately, some debts have been left over from the last academic year, so these need to be cleared immediately please.

In general:

- We have a new website. www.budejuniors.org.uk. Please clear your cache/browser history to avoid their computer/phone directing them to the old URL www.budeprimary.org (now disabled).
- To contact the school office by email please use juniorsecretary@budeprimary.org
- **The office is open from 8:30 – 3:30pm.** If you phone outside of these hours – please leave a message and a member of staff will respond the next working day.
- **Attendance is a whole-school priority. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in good time and ready to learn.**

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