



Bude Primary Academy

Head of School – Mr J Pritchard

12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope everyone has enjoyed a welcome break over the Christmas holidays, spent time together and is looking forward to embracing the new year.

New Beginnings

In just a fleeting time, I have truly felt the warmth, strength, and commitment across the whole school community. Each school is unique with multiple layers of rich opportunities and diverse challenges. I look forward to being part of Bude's journey alongside everyone. In the coming weeks and months, it will be a pleasure getting to know everybody as we build forwards for our children. I feel extremely privileged to be working alongside everyone here in Bude.



Spring Projects

Our project-based curriculum will continue to evolve and develop as we embrace the new term. Each of the projects have been deliberately chosen for our children. Each projects links to subjects across the curriculum without missing critical learning in all subjects. Importantly, each project is intertwined with beautiful books to deepen learning and instil a love and learning through Reading.

Year Three's geography and science project '**Rocks, Relics and Rumbles**' will take our children to the world beneath their feet and to the centre of the earth. They will learn about volcanoes, earthquakes as well as longitude and latitude. The Victorian palaeontologist Mary Anning will inspire our children to discover their own fossils on their own fieldwork trip to Summerleaze to discover their own fossil to learn about the past and shape our future.

Year Four's geography and science project '**Misty Mountain, Winding River**' will follow the journey of rivers from their source to the sea with a particular focus on our own local rivers, the Neet and Strat which will include a field work trip to visit both rivers to develop their geographical skills.

Year Five's science project '**Stargazers**' will cast the children's eyes towards the stars and exploring human's understanding of Space throughout history from the Ancient Greeks, Galilei Galileo, Isaac Newton, the Space Race, and the incredible exploration of Mars. This

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will be enhanced with a special 'Star Gazing' astrology night held at school and led by our very own stellar expert, Mrs Askham.

Year Six's geography project '**Frozen Kingdoms**' will explore the Arctic and Antarctic. The children will learn about the exploits of explorers such as Ernest Shackleton and Robert Scott, their unique habitats, Inuit art and the impact of polar tourism. Furthermore, their learning will also take them on their own intrepid expedition to Cornwall's highest peaks on Bodmin Moor. Poppy Class will also be exploring '**Frozen Kingdoms**.' The children will learn about the four seasons, the polar regions, and their habitats as well as crunching through the frost in the outside environment.



Staff Updates

We are delighted to be joined by three new members of staff. Ms Slater will be teaching in Poppy Class. Miss Nickels will be teaching our Year Four in Sandymouth Class and Mrs Davey will be teaching Year Fives in Crackington Class. We look forward to them sharing their expertise and joining our team.

Uniform and Kit

Ready, respectful, and safe are our three simple rules that guide and teach all of us in school. It is important that your child comes to school ready with everything they need for the day ahead. We endeavour to get outside whatever the weather, so children need to have the appropriate clothing to enable them to fully take part. Please ensure your child has a named coat and water bottle each day. In addition, please ensure that your child wears their PE kit in school on the correct days.

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Water Bottles

In our continued efforts to foster a healthy and inclusive school environment, we kindly remind parents and children to bring only water in their bottles. Water is the ideal choice for ensuring proper hydration throughout the school day, crucial for maintaining concentration and overall well-being. It also supports dental health by avoiding the sugars and acids found in other beverages, which can lead to tooth decay. Additionally, using water in reusable bottles aligns with our commitment to environmental responsibility, helping to reduce plastic waste. This policy also promotes equality and inclusion, ensuring all our children have access to the same healthy drink, adding to our sense of unity within our fabulous school community. We appreciate your support.

Newsletter Snap Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete our brief **School Newsletter Feedback Survey**.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeobXRomvz-chrucdxsfXBcS_hcw4JNVX4QOhusaiWtjQAAuw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Your thoughts on its content, format, and impact are crucial for us to improve our communication. Your responses are confidential and appreciated. Please participate and help us improve your newsletter experience. Thank you for your valuable contribution to our school community.

BPA PTA update

Last half term, our fantastic PTA organised a wonderful Christmas themed movie evening, this raised £340! They also helped run a refreshment stall at our Christmas carol concert, selling delicious treats, warm drinks, and Christmas crafts. This raised a fantastic £170! The PTA also organised the Christmas card creations, over £1500 of products were ordered! The PTA will receive a percentage of this. A big thank you to our PTA for their support with fundraising events. Keep your eyes peeled for further events!

- Bag2school collection - 18th January 2024
- Y3&4 BPA PTA movie night – 1st March 2024
- Y5&6 BPA PTA movie night – 8th March 2024

Last half term the PTA agreed to fund various resources and activities for the Junior school children. We thank them for their support!

- Anti-bullying workshop for all Year 5 and 6 classes with the talented PiP group.
- £1000 towards new books for our library - Widemouth were particularly pleased to find more books written by Katherine Rundell!
- New waterproof suits for Poppy class.
- Fresh fruit for children who forget their breaktime snacks.

Our next PTA meeting will be on February 21st at 3.30pm at the Junior school - please email budepta@gmail.com if you are able to support our PTA in any way, small or big.

Year 5 Stargazing – Tuesday 16th

Year 5 children are invited to join us for an evening of fun linked to our 'Stargazing' project this half term. The evening will run on Tuesday 16th January from 3.20pm (straight after school) until 5.30pm. Please give permission on ParentPay.

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Year 6 Explorer Day to Rough Tor – Wednesday 17th

On Wednesday 17th January the children are off to Rough Tor, Bodmin Moor for an explorer day this links to our project Frozen Kingdom. We will be walking across the moors and learning what it is like to be a modern-day explorer. Please give permission on ParentPay.

Our Celebration Assembly

We have held our first celebration assemblies of the new term together once again in our hall. Well done and thank you to all of those children who shone this week and dazzled everybody with their qualities and characteristics.



Diary dates

Tuesday 16 th January	Year 5 Stargazing event until 5.30pm
Wednesday 17 th January	Year 6 Explorer Day to Rough Tor
Thursday 18 th January	Bag2school collection
Thursday 8 th February	Last day of the spring 1 term / PTA preloved toy donation
Friday 9 th February	Inset day – no school for pupils
Monday 19 th February	First day back of spring 2 term
Friday 1 st March	Y3&4 BPA PTA movie night
Friday 8 th March	Y5&6 BPA PTA movie night
Thursday 21 st – Friday 22 nd March	Year 4 Sleeping with the Sharks residential
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of spring 2 term
Monday 15 th April	First day back of summer 1 term
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday
Thursday 23 rd May	Last day of summer 1 term
Friday 24 th May	Inset day – no school for pupils
Monday 3 rd June	First day back of summer 2 term
Monday 1 st -3 rd July 2024	Year 6 Bristol Residential
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of summer 2 term

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After school club

We run an after-school club each day until 4.30pm. The cost is £5 per session. If your child needs a place at after school club, please contact Nikki in the office to book.

hello@budejuniors.org.uk. The charge will then be added to your ParentPay account.

Breakfast club

If you would like your child to attend breakfast club, please book via ParentPay. Breakfast club opens at 8am every day. The cost is £2.50 per session.

ParentPay debts

Please clear any dinner money, breakfast club and after school club debts over the weekend on ParentPay. Any debt you have on ParentPay needs to be cleared. The ideal is for every account to be in credit before items are booked.

Menu week 2

Change of menu on Thursday



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