

May 2018

Overview

At the end of this half term, we are going to be celebrating with a disco on Friday 25th May from 5-6.30pm. We look forward to seeing many of you.

For this reason, all students will be finishing their school day at 1pm. We request the taxi drivers to collect your child at 1pm instead of 3pm on Fri 25th May, but please check with them nearer the time to avoid any misunderstandings.

Staff news

We welcome some new staff: Kelly Howgate, Emma Kendall and Federica Sellitti who joined our team of LSA's last term. We have extended them a warm welcome and hope that they enjoy their time at Three Bridges. We are continuing to recruit LSAs to join our team and jobs are being advertised through the Spectrum website and social media.

E-Safety & Safeguarding Updates

As a school, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils. All staff attended a Level 2 Safeguarding training day on our most recent Inset day which was delivered by the Teaching team who are all designated Safeguarding leads, trained to L3.

On our next Inset day (4th June) all staff will be completing an online safety training course. Three Bridges has also recently joined Operation Encompass

www.operationencompass.org , supporting children through key adults. This is a police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership. There will be more details to follow shortly.

Upcoming Events

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D of E Parent meeting

2nd May – 1pm- 2pm

May Day Bank Holiday - 7th May

School Disco

25th May 5pm -6.30pm

Half Term

28th May-1st June

Inset Day

4th June

Term begins

5th June

D of E Practice

Thurs 7th – Fri 8th

D of E Qualifier

Thurs 5th - Fri 6th

End of term

24th July - **Celebration Day**

News and Information

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We will continue to include an E-Safety section in our newsletters, sharing information and advice. Please take the time to navigate the sites below.

ThinkuKnow: ThinkuKnow is run by CEOP and has information for young people between the ages of 5-16, parents and resources for professionals to teach internet safety.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

UK Safer Internet Center: UK Safer Internet Centre, where you can find online safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Remember: NSPCC's Online Safety helpline 0808 800 5002 and Childline (0800 1111)

Other News

School Disco

Our school disco at the end of last half term was a great success. Thank you to all who joined us and took part. We had a super evening with dancing and refreshments. Many thanks to resident DJ, Rob Retallick, one of the Spectrum Outreach team. Our next disco will take place on Friday 25th May 2018 and we hope to see you then.



Duke of Edinburgh Update

All six students who are taking part in this experience are now working together as the Duke of Edinburgh Expedition group. This happens on a Tuesday afternoon. Please could you ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear, e.g. waterproof jacket and walking boots. The practice expedition will take place in June and the qualifying expedition in July. Invitations to the parent meeting have already been sent out and we look forward to seeing many of you on that date.

RDA

We are currently in the process of setting up horse-riding sessions with RDA (Riding for the Disabled) at Chiverton. If you have been sent application forms we would appreciate it if you would complete and return these to school as soon as possible.

Goodbye to Poppets

After many years of fantastic work-related learning experiences, we will sadly no longer be visiting Poppets Farm. The students have acquired many skills through attending Poppets on a regular basis for which we are very grateful. Our students have been able to develop their understanding of caring for a range of animals and their knowledge of horticulture and gardening. We will continue to study Animal Care and Horticulture at school, gaining ASDAN qualifications.



Archery

Three students have an amazing opportunity as part of their PE curriculum to take part in a seven-week archery course. They will be following a beginner's programme which will cover all the necessary knowledge and skills to learn about archery. This is being delivered by Redruth Archers Club.

Intensive Interaction

Please find attached a flyer advertising an Intensive Interaction Café & Sensory Story on Wednesday 23rd May, 1.30pm-4.00pm At Choice Day Centre, New Cut, Redruth, TR15 1AF

Cornish Swim Academy

CSA are advertising swim lessons with ASA awards levels 1-10 based at their new pool near Newquay. Please see the attached flyer if you are interested.

Fun Fair

On Sunday 13th May, at the Recreation Ground Falmouth, there will be a Fun Fair at no cost to families with children with additional needs. This is being promoted by West Cornwall Lions Clubs. Please find the attached flyer with more information.

Contact:

We like to keep in touch with news and events through email and newsletters throughout the academic year. If you would like to make any suggestions or comments at any time, please feel free to contact us at the school: 01872 561010, via Kathleen's mobile: 07813 930824, by email: any of the teachers in the same format as

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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