

# Three Bridges Education Centre

## Newsletter – December 2017

### Overview

We are now in December and the Christmas season is fast approaching. We've had a busy and productive term with lots to tell you about and a few reminders too.

### Staff news

We are currently in the process of recruiting LSAs to join our team at Three Bridges. Jobs are being advertised through the Spectrum website and social media.

### E-Safety Updates

As always, the safety of our students is our major concern. Members of the team attend training regularly and Kathleen is now a CEOP Ambassador. We will continue to include an eSafety section in our newsletters, sharing information and advice.

Stay up to date with social media apps and sites your child may use. Consider the following questions:

Do you know if your child is using social media?

Do you know what they are using?

Have you considered the risks?

The risks include: Interaction with complete strangers, revealing too much information and cyberbullying. Childnet's advice and guidance for parents and carers is to talk and listen to your children and keep the lines of communication open. <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/social-networking>

To find out more about specific social media apps, sites, online games and video games visit Commonsensemedia and Netaware: <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>  
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

### Upcoming Events

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#### Christmas Coffee Morning

19<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am-12pm

#### End of term

20<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### Term begins

4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018

#### Inset Day

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2018

### News and Information

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[Click here for information on e-safety](#)

[Click here to read our most recent Ofsted Report](#)

### Contact:

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STOP PRESS! Is your child using Musical.ly?

To read the NSPCC's review on this click here: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/musically/#>

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

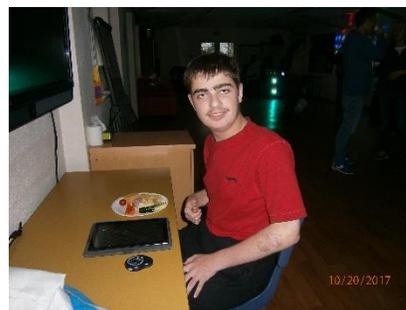
## Other News

### Christmas Coffee Morning

Please join us at Three Bridges on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11am for a festive mince pie and a cup of coffee or tea to celebrate all the achievements this term. We look forward to seeing you. There will be more details to follow nearer the time.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 and we are hoping to extend it till 6.30pm



## Swimming

This term our students have been developing their swimming and social skills through swim sessions at Waterworld, Newquay. Students have been responding very positively to these sessions. They have been developing their water confidence, skills and swim techniques. Please ensure that students attending these sessions bring their swimming kit and towel to school each Friday.

## Children in Need

We have been collecting donations for Children in Need during the past week. Students have been using their Food Technology skills and baking fantastic cakes and biscuits which have been for sale in school throughout the week. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we held our 'Spotacular' event and students were encouraged to take part in 'Spotty' themed activities throughout the day including decorating T-Shirts, making charity donation boxes and Pudsey puppets. To date we have collected £74.45 in aid of this charity! Thank you all for your amazing support.



## Remembrance Day

Following work that the students have done in Humanities some students made a visit to the war memorial in Newquay. They were able to lay their poppies in remembrance and have a good look at the information displayed on the memorial itself, whilst taking in its stunning location on the headland, looking out to sea. It was a very thought-provoking experience for all and generated lots of very interesting discussions.



## Students' Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Learning Outside the Classroom (LoTC)

Our students take part in a varied and exciting curriculum outside of the classroom. Many attend Poppets Farm, some are working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and all make good use of our fantastic garden and outdoor space. Considering the changing weather conditions, please ensure that your child wears/brings in appropriate clothing and footwear to keep them warm and dry. If your child is working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, it would be beneficial for them to have a pair of walking/hiking boots that enable them to have extra support when walking on wet or uneven ground.

### Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

We are now three months into our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and our students have been achieving fantastic things. The seven students involved have been following the Bronze Expedition Training Framework within the classroom and have also been on many short local walks at Tehidy, Carn Brea, St Agnes and Hayle. Students have developed their skills in first aid and emergency procedures including: action in an emergency – resuscitation, airway, breathing and circulation; recognition and treatment of hypothermia, heatstroke, wounds, bleeding, shock, blisters, burns and scalds, sprains and strains; knowing what to do in an accident or emergency and how to get help. They have also started to develop their preparatory map skills in relation to: the nature of maps, the use of 1:25 000 Explorer and 1:50 000 Landranger maps, conventional signs and symbols and grid references. Some of our students have also written a letter to try and secure their Volunteering Section at a place of real interest to them such as volunteering at a local garden centre, shop or even the zoo.



## **Health & Hygiene**

At this time of year, when the heating is on, every school has to be aware of the possibility of the presence of headlice. Please check your child's hair when it is washed and let us know if there is a problem. Headlice can be caught and shared in any and every area of the community; we will all try to prevent them spreading.

## **Spare clothing for students**

Please could we ask parents to provide a spare set of clothes which could remain in school for their child. Due to the unpredictable nature of the Cornish winter weather it would be useful for all students to have a set of spares. Warm coats are also necessary at this time of year, particularly as we try to make good use of clear, dry weather.

## **Contact & communication**

We look forward to working hard, with the students, for the rest of this term, which ends on 20<sup>th</sup> December.

We will 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 [kathleen.hampshire@spectrumasd.org](mailto:kathleen.hampshire@spectrumasd.org), or Sam, our admin assistant: [samantha.haining@spectrumasd.org](mailto:samantha.haining@spectrumasd.org)

We look forward to hearing from you.