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### Welcome Back!

Welcome to all our pupils new and returning and to our staff and community partners – we hope you have all had a wonderful summer. Bude was most certainly buzzing this summer with lots of visitors and lots of great events taking place. Aren't we lucky to live where we live!

### Next Week!

Monday: Menu 1 at Infant School  
Menu 2 at Junior School  
Tuesday: Year 5 bike course  
Tuesday: Blackrock adventure day at Bude Canal – letters gone home today.  
Wednesday: Sandymouth adventure day at Bude Canal – letters gone home today.

### Parent Support at Bude Primary Academy!

Our family support worker, Emma Thomas will be available Mon- Friday 8.30-9.30 at the school gates and in the new family hub, situated on the Junior side of Bude Primary Academy. Please come along for a cuppa and a chat.

To make appointments with Emma at any other time, please see Leonie or Ruth who will happily arrange this for you

#### **Specifically for Parents of Reception and Yr 1 children:**

It would be great to see you after you have dropped off your child/ren, next Wednesday the 12th of September. Meet Emma our family support worker in the new family hub based at the junior site- join her for Tea, coffee and a friendly face.

### New Names!

You may have noticed the Infant classes all have new names that are Woodland based. We, or should I say Mr Hodge has been working extremely hard painting and clearing the EYFS rooms to make them even more spacious, clean and bright learning environments for our new joiners in Reception. A huge thanks to him for all of this hard work this summer.

Mr Hodge will be based across both sites from now on so don't worry if you don't bump into him at the Junior School so much – we are simply sharing his expertise across both schools! We also welcome Miss Price to Rowan (Yr1) and Mrs Stickney to Crackington (Yr 5).

### Terrific Trio – Mr Whelan, Mr Edwards & Mr Paton, set to smash the Quadrathlon!

Our terrific trio of action men are competing on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September in the Bude Quadrathlon and will be raising money for nurture resources across Bude Primary Academy and for Penhallagon Friends who support families through bereavement. Any sponsorship welcome to either school office.

### Parent Communication

We thank you for your patience so far and would like to explain some changes that are taking place 'behind the scenes' at Bude Primary Academy and ask for your continued patience whilst we implement these changes.

The most obvious change we will be implementing is the move from Schoolcomms to Parent Pay. I appreciate many of you have become competent users of Schoolcomms but unfortunately this particular programme is not compatible with the new computer system we are using. All Aspire schools use Parent Pay and therefore it is non-negotiable that we do also.

Parent Pay itself is actually very easy to use and although there is not an app for it yet, we have been promised that one is being developed and we will, of course, let you know when this becomes available. Parent Pay information for parents will be distributed next week.

Parent Pay does NOT offer a booking from home option for school dinners. Approximately only 50% of parents were using this facility on Schoolcomms anyway so now ALL meal booking will take place in the classroom via an online booking system. Children will choose their lunch in the mornings in the class, as they have been doing and once the meal has been taken at lunch time, the cost will be forwarded onto your Parent Pay account.

Messages will be sent straight from our computer system and the use of email of will continue to increase. Please make sure the school office has your correct email address!

We will also confirm how best to collate club information whether that be via Parent Pay or Arbor (our school computer system). We appreciate all of these changes are far from ideal but once in place we hope there will be no more changes only smooth, cohesive information sharing between parents and Bude Primary Academy.

Thank you everyone for two great days back at school – we're really looking forward to a fab year ahead!