



Newsletter: Friday 9th March 2018

Message from the Headteacher

Thank you all for your patience last week with the school closure, but I hope you all enjoyed the snow while it lasted! The children looked brilliant in their World Book Day costumes and Cherry class enjoyed their visit from the storyteller 'Twinkle Rose'! The PTA had winners: Alex and Amberlie from their 'word find' competition and will receive their certificates today in assembly. Thank you to the PTA for also organising the Mothers' day fundraising activity this week.

Well done to the y5/6 tag rugby team who represented the school well at the tournament this week. They won one of their games, and came third in their group against schools from around Swindon. Thank you to Mrs Warre and Mr Goddard for accompanying and supporting the children at the event. Mrs Pipe has also been busy helping the House Captains to organise an interhouse skipping contest which they enjoyed at lunchtime today!

Please see on, separate sheet information regarding some exciting upcoming fundraising activities for 'Sport Relief' and for our library book donation project.

Also this week, both our English and Maths leads have met with our local schools to share good practice and support school improvement. Headteachers have also met and we have had Mr Davis from the Great Western Academy working with a group of year 5/6 children in Maths.

Our Core Value in Term 4 is "Honesty"

The assembly value is "Generosity"

Congratulations Bridlewood

Last year, Bridlewood were fortunate enough to be 1 of 9 Swindon schools to be selected for a project run by [InclusionExpert](#) and funded by Swindon Borough Council and [The Virtual School](#) to support vulnerable children in our school. They carried out audits of our Pupil Premium, SEN and TA aspects of our school. Additionally they have provided us with resources such as provision maps and a video library. We have also had various visits from consultants to support us with differentiation training and pre/over learning to continue our improvement with quality first teaching in the classroom. We have seen some good improvements with the outcomes and attendance for our more vulnerable learners and with staff engagement. These improvements came about because we listened to the advice and actioned the recommendations from the respective audits as well as the continued focus of the staff and leadership team. I would like to especially recognise Mrs Sammon for embracing the opportunity and driving through the changes. I am especially pleased to tell you that Mrs Sammon is, today, at the House of Commons to receive an award in recognition of this excellent work. Well done all!

Year 6 SATs Meeting

Thank you to the parents who attended our Year 6 SATs meeting. We hope you found the information useful. For those parents who were unable to attend, there is a copy of the presentation used on the website.

Parking

Please may we remind you to park considerately, our attention has been drawn to two cars in particular, a black Mercedes and a black Audi.

New Morning Procedures

In term 5 we are trialling a new starting system. The classroom doors will be open from 8.40am and parents can leave their children in the classroom to start their morning tasks. Please can we ask that parents do not enter the classrooms at this time. The playground gates and classroom doors will be locked at 8.55am as usual, and any late arrivals will need to sign their child into school through the main reception.

Book Donations

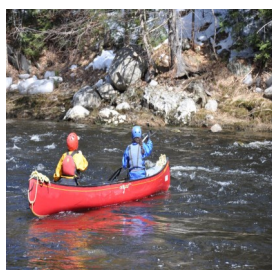
Thank you to all of the parents who chose a book to donate to the school, from the lists available at Parents Evening. If you did not get a chance to choose a book and would like to, the book lists will be available in the playground during the coming weeks. The lists were chosen from the children's suggestions alongside recommended book lists for children of primary age. We look forward to seeing any new additions in the library.



Residential (Y5/6) Change 2018 advance warning

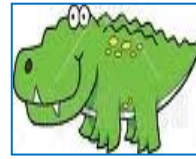
We have been planning to change the time of year for the residential visits in the future to the Autumn term. This has less impact on the children's learning than in the Spring which is at a crucial time of year leading up to SATs and final year assessments. Having the residential at the beginning of the year also helps to build strong relationships within the class and with the staff who are working with the children during the year.

We have now managed to secure Autumn term slots with both Pencelli for 2018 (current year 4/5 pupils) and PGL for 2019 (current year 3/4 pupils) and beyond. We appreciate that for those parents of year 5 about to enjoy their upcoming week at PGL, that this next visit will be much sooner than expected but we hope to hold the meeting for Pencelli 2018 at the end of this term to enable time for payments to be made in instalments as usual.



House points this week

Crocodiles: 340



Dragons: 309



Lizards: 301



Turtles: 316



Well done Crocodiles

SEND Coffee Morning

Miss Hickman to introduce our new SENDCo Mrs Smith at a coffee morning for all parent's on Friday 16th March at 9am.



SCHOOL WEBSITE

Need to know when the school terms are? Can't find your copy of the newsletter?

You can find all this on www.bridlewoodprimaryschool.org.uk

Rugby

A huge well done to the group of year 6 children who represented Bridlewood at the Swindon Schools Rugby competition at Lydiard Park Academy. There was some wonderful team work and encouragement on show.

Thank you to Mrs Warre and Mr Goddard for taking the team.



Swimming

This week, Elm class have enjoyed a week of swimming at Cricklade Leisure Centre. All of the children's swimming has now been assessed and those needing extra sessions will be invited again during the Summer term.



Diary Dates

12th-16th Mar	Year 5 PGL residential trip
14th March	Junior Music Festival
16th Mar	SEND coffee morning
21st Mar	House running event
22nd Mar	Yr3/4 Tag Rugby event
22nd Mar	Swindon schools sport relief mile
22nd Mar	Sports relief cluster relay
29th Mar	School finishes at 1.30pm
16th Apr	Term 5 starts

Sport Relief

As part of Sport Relief, some of our children will be joining other local schools on a relay between schools. A group of six children will be jogging to Orchid Vale on Thursday 22nd March and another group will be visiting the County Ground to run a mile with other children from around the town. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile charity, you can do so through our link

<https://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/Bridlewood>.



Last Day of Term

Reminder that school will be closing at 1.30pm on the last day of term, Thursday 29th March.