

BLS BULLETIN – DECEMBER 2021

Thank you to the whole school community for making the autumn term incredibly calm and enjoyable. Our new students have settled in well and we are so proud of all of the boys.

School Gateway and Class Dojo

If you have not yet been able to sign up to School Gateway and Class Dojo, please do so.

You should have received an email invite for these platforms but we are aware that these are turning up in junk mail folders. Please get in contact with your child's class teacher if you would like any help with signing up.

Parent/Carer Workshops

These are taking place over Zoom. The first topic in January will be 'Language and Auditory Processing'. Links to join are shared via Class Dojo. If there are any topics you would like to see covered, please get in touch. Contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

Forms to Return

Consent forms for photograph use and data collection sheets have been sent home. Please return these to the school as soon as you can. Many have been received already – thank you.

School Animals

Our school dog Luna continues to be a popular member of the school community. She very much enjoys her walks and cuddles with the students and has been known to fall asleep in lessons! The gerbils are very happy and the fish tank is ready for the arrival of tropical fish!



Pastoral Support

Miss Parr has been able to start seeing more children for 1:1 ELSA (emotional literacy) sessions in recent weeks. Katrina continues to offer pastoral care and counselling sessions to the boys. Miss Barrett and Miss Alphonse are leading [Talkabout](#) sessions with their classes and we are keen to roll this out across the school.

Covid-19

Cases remain low in our school. Thank you for your continued support in asking your child to take a lateral flow test twice a week. The school have plenty of tests in school. Please let your child's class teacher know if you would like them to send some home.

Vocational Courses

Philippa from the school kitchen is offering catering and Mr Ahern is offering art lessons to help the boys achieve AIMVOC qualifications. These are proving very popular. Attendance and behaviour at Combe Pafford courses has been fantastic!

Keeping Safe Online

[Internet Matters](#) is a great website with information on all aspects of internet safety. [Common Sense Media](#) shares information about games, apps, films and TV. The latest edition of [DITTO magazine](#) has been shared on Class Dojo and is attached.

Fundraising

This Friday we will be wearing cosy jumpers to raise money for Children's Hospice South West. One of our students is also walking, cycling and paddling 750 miles over the next year for the same cause in memory of his sister. Please bring in £1 for non-uniform on Friday or donate using the school's [JustGiving page](#).



2022 Opportunities

We hope to re-establish our links with [Haven Banks](#) and Firebreak to enrich the school curriculum offer.

Important Dates

Friday 17th December: Last day of term. Cosy Jumper Day. Please bring in a £1 donation or donate through our [JustGiving page](#).

Thursday 6th January: Students return. 9.00am start.

Photos

Enjoying Forest School with Mrs Burnard in the top field and Miss Brown's chemis-tree!



We hope that you all have a relaxing break and we look forward to catching up in the new year.

Best wishes,

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