



BLS BULLETIN



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Welcome to the new school year. It is lovely to see some familiar faces and to meet our new students. The boys are settling in wonderfully. We are very lucky to have had some fantastic teachers join the team: Miss Aksoy, Mr Croft and Miss Hearne.

First Aid

A few of our classes have been learning basic First Aid as part of their PSHE lessons. In a recent lesson, we practised treating a bleed (ketchup) and the boys did a fantastic job!



Communication

You should expect to hear from your child's class teacher at least once a week. The quickest and simplest way to receive whole school communication is to sign up to School Gateway. Please contact Karey Griffiths (kgriffiths@barleyleane.devon.sch.uk or 01392 430774) for more information. We are keeping Class Dojo running for our primary classes - Miss Harber and Mrs Burnard.

Snippets

This is a handy resource that shares information about local services, training, resources and events for children and families. Check out the website [here](#) or to sign up to receive Snippets via email, contact kris.dent@nhs.net (Southern Devon and surrounding areas) or amandasmithson@nhs.net (Northern Devon and surrounding areas).

Schools Pets and Animal Care – Ms Brown (Science)

I am delighted to report that our chicken shed and run has been constructed and will soon be populated with 2 bantam hens that are pets from my own family farm.

As well as the gerbils and fish in the classroom, we now have Trevor the Tortoise and Eddie & Ernie the rabbits to get to know. Please be reassured that only students who wish to pet the animals will do so.

This year I am running a new course which is a BTEC in Animal Care – it's a 2-year course comprised of internal and external assessments and is being offered to year 10 in the first instance and then year 9 students if there is space. The course will run all day on a Monday throughout the school year and students will work with all of the animals in the school as well as having some offsite trips and visits to increase their understanding of animals and their behaviour.

It is my intention to bring in my own dog- Plum, a springer spaniel to enhance the experience for our boys. If any parents have any questions, thoughts, worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on: sbrown@barleyclane.devon.sch.uk or 07563 024604.



SCESS

We recently received grant funding for the SCESS (Schools and Colleges Early Support Service). There is a wealth of wellbeing services available to our secondary students.

I have shared information about parent and carer webinars via School Gateway and our secondary boys know about the online one-to-one sessions they can access. We also hope to use the service to train some of our students to be peer mentors later in the year.

I will continue to send updates via School Gateway but if you would like to find out more information, please feel free to get in touch using my contact details at the end of this newsletter.



For more information about Let's Talk Teenagers, please visit [this website](#).

Online Safety

Our school website has lots of easy to access information about online safety. Please take a look at the dedicated page [here](#).

Roblox has been rated 10+ by ESRB and 7+ by PEGI. This has changed to 'Teen' by ESRB and 'Parental Guidance Recommended' by PEGI. Roblox is also introducing more parental controls to filter different experiences dependent on the age of the user.

Advice on talking to your child about cyberbullying can be found [here](#).

Any Thoughts?

Thanks for reading. If there is anything that you would like to know more about or to see included in the next BLS bulletin, please let me know.

Best wishes,

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