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New Headteacher

I would like to introduce you to the new Headteacher at Buckfastleigh who will be starting in September 2023. Laurie Archer is currently the Deputy Headteacher at a large primary school near Plymouth which is also part of Westcountry Schools Trust. Laurie has extensive experience in leadership across a number of school and is also a SENDCO. She has worked with us previously and already knows the school and its staff.



Over the summer term, I will be working with Laurie to ensure the smoothest possible transition for her, the staff and of course the children and the community. I am confident that this will ensure that the school continues to provide the best possible education for the children in the coming years. She is excited to be joining the school and I am sure you will see her around over the next few months as she gets to know the children and you better, ready for September.

Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 17th April** – Non-Pupil Day
- **Tuesday 18th April** – First Day of Summer Term
- **Monday 1st May** – Bank Holiday
- **3rd-5th May** – Year 5 Bristol Residential
- **Monday 8th May** – King's Coronation Holiday
- **9th-12th May** – KS2 SATs Week
- **Friday 26th May** – Last day of half term
- **Monday 5th June** – Start of 2nd half term
- **26th-30th June** – Year 6 Grenville House Residential

Year 5 Bristol Residential

The Year 5 residential to Bristol is in the first week of May. A meeting for parents and children will be taking place on Friday 28th April at 3:30pm to go over the final arrangements for the trip.

A kit list will be going out in the first week after the Easter holiday. Two of the key things your child will need are a school sized backpack to wear during the day and a small suitcase with wheels – like carry-on luggage on a plane. This is because we will be walking with our luggage to and from the station to our accommodation in Bristol and anything larger will make this difficult for them. Rather than buying something new, please let us know if you don't have that type of luggage as we can put a request out to the community for support.

Writing around School

I would like to highlight the amazing writing I have seen over the last month at Buckfastleigh Primary School. Since September, we have had a big focus on improving writing and the progress the children have made is incredible. If you would like to see your child's writing, message or speak to their teacher and we would be happy to send home a photocopy of their learning.

Have a great Easter,

Eddie Brown

SAFE, RESPECTED AND READY TO STEP OUT INTO THE WORLD

Belong

Creative

Sustainability

Curious

Empowered