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Bridgnorth Endowed School Times

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Dear parent, carer, student and friend of Bridgnorth Endowed School, here we are at the end of a relatively short half term, but a half term where we have again moved forwards with real pace. We firmly believe that following many trials and tribulations, we will convert to Academy Status on 1st March and as we are the first school in the Ludlow Constituency to convert, Philip Dunne, MP will be coming into school to celebrate this with us on Friday 8th March.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank parents for their valued support of the school. The response to my letter about difficulties with staff absence in Maths has been very positive and your understanding of how hard we are working to ensure that all students are making progress despite the difficulties has been very welcome. As a school, we can only move forwards effectively with your understanding and support.

I hope you and the students have a restful and recuperative break, so that they can return refreshed for a busy half term run up to Easter. This includes the school show, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, for which we require as much support as possible, particularly BESPTA, who are putting on refreshments in the interval. If you can support us, please let me know via head@bridgnorthendowed.co.uk.

Enjoy your break
Mr Loveday

School Uniform Update:

1. Suppliers: We have listened to our parent voice which made it clear that you would like us to increase the number of suppliers for school uniform. We have sourced two further providers which will give increased choice for parents on quality and cost. We will provide further details as soon as possible and hopefully before Easter.
2. Policy: You will remember that with the tightening up on school uniform and the changes to the PE uniform we provided parents with 12 months to work towards the new rules. When students return to school in September 2013 they must fulfil the rules in their entirety. These include navy blazers, school jumpers and the changes to the PE requirements, including the normal PE top. If you are in any doubt please refer to the website or talk to your child's tutor or Progress Manager.

*School closes on Friday 15th February for half term, returning on Monday 25th February.

*School closes on Thursday 28th March for Easter returning to school on Monday 15th April

The **BEST** of things

This is an opportunity to celebrate the many successes of our students over the last few months and a look at future events.

- Footballers off to Spain! Easter 2014 will see our first football tour with Shrewsbury based operator Activ4. Places are still available; please see Mr Broome for further details.
 - Congratulations to Year 11 Boys who won a place in the Final of the President's Trophy. This is our first appearance in the final since 2004. Full match report available at <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/bridgnorthendowedschool>
- Teams in Year 7, 8 and 10 hope to join them. Best of luck in your Quarter final and Semi final clashes.
- Congratulations to the following students who showed real tenacity to complete a gruelling course at the County Cross Country Championships held at Oswesty. Cam Minifie, Ellie Shotton, Ellie McAdam, Will Morgan, Luke Richardson, Dan Loveday and Elliot Reynolds.
 - School badminton club: Well done to all those students who have made badminton club great fun on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school. Please remember the club stops at Easter.
 - A big well done to the u14 and u16 boys & Girls teams who performed really well for the school. The standard this year has been the highest ever. The U16 Boys finished second and the U16 girls 3rd in the county round of the Centre Parcs Competition.

U14 Boys: Tom Davenport, Jordan Evans, Ben Kempner and Max Owen. U14 Girls: Marsha Evenett, Ann-Marie Peerless, Maddie Berrows and Beth Loveday. U16 Boys: Owen Wilson-Brown, Harvey Thomas, Billy Miller, Marcus Crawford-Thomas and James Cowell. U16 Girls: Amy Ruffell-Hazel, Sasha Mackenzie, Harriet Brooker and Natalie Bower.

- How wonderful to see Mrs Towers' year 11 English group take on a Young Apprentice Cupcake challenge, raise £50 for Tanzania and gain B and A grades for the Speaking and Listening component of their GCSE. Mrs Towers is having a hard time determining just who should be fired!
- BTBYCB Launch - Anthony Clark launched the BTBYCB 2013 with an interactive assembly - shuttlecocks being sent all around the sports hall! 16 yr 8 pupils attempted to return his serve and Badminton Club is now bursting with new BES talent, inspired by Anthony. BTBYCB is a key principle at BES and is interpreted throughout tutor group assemblies and PSHCE lessons.
- There were hundreds of entries to the BTBYCB 2013 poster competition! It was a very difficult decision choosing winners, due to the high standard, but the joint winners of the 2013 BTBYCB poster competition are Phoebe Knowles and Jacob Chainey. Joint second place goes to Megan Pee, Caitlin Foy, Katie Tait, Jennifer Elwell, Hannah Sims, Chloe Tranter and Chloe Finch. Well done to all those who took part.
- Tropical rainforest Day - The Old Hall was full of Tropical rainforest animals when Mr Dave Shaw brought his Road show to BES. The year 8's enjoyed the day, especially holding the insects and eating some of the food!
- On Monday 21st January, many year 10 students engaged in the Speak Out Challenge. In spite of the snow, our workshop leaders travelled from different parts of the country to work with students and found that their efforts were worthwhile. Our guests praised the students' attitudes and were impressed with their pitches. A special congratulation goes to the following workshop winners: Ben Magill, William Lowe, Ottilie Childs, Lydia Jackson and Robert Tait. However, well done to all those involved!
- Congratulations to JKJ tutor group who last November made and sold cakes to raise money to pay towards the boys' education in Gambia. A total of £70 was raised towards the boys' education. A further £200 was raised from Mrs Peeler's Bring and Buy sale last November. Fantastic news, with further fundraising and donations, we should be able to continue to sponsor the three boys already studying and start two more off on their studies in September.
- Safer Internet Day: Rights and Responsibilities 7th February 2013. We are very proud to offer workshops to Year 7 students to enable them to understand how to use technology safely and what to do if they feel threatened or if there is inappropriate content. We use various workshops from chat rooms, videos, mobile phones and Facebook to highlight the excellent social aspects but also the dangers and how to be safe. PC Richard Wood, CSO Mandy Leek and CSO Sue Eden gave up their time to give some invaluable advice to students who then produced a summary of what they learnt in various forms, including a drama piece, a rap and a presentation. There was an overall winner but all Year 7s were winners as they took away the knowledge that would help them remain safe.

FUTURE EVENTS

- Tuesday 5th March – BES PTA meeting – library
- Thursday 7th March 4.30 – 7pm - Year 10 Core parents' evening –Sports Hall
- Friday 15th March – non-uniform day for Comic Relief
- Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd March – School Show: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.
- Friday 29th – Sunday 31st March- Pony Camp at The Old Vicarage, Stottesdon.

BES PTA

- BES PTA will be supporting The Lion, The Witch and Wardrobe, school production in March and would appreciate volunteers for each evening's performance to assist with serving refreshments and selling raffle tickets. Raffle prizes can be donated directly to the school or alternatively, please email BES PTA at endowedpta@gmail.com to discuss donations, volunteering, ideas or questions.

Kind regards



Mr P Loveday
Headteacher