## Battledown Centre for Children & Families



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Well, term 1 is over already. It has been great to see how the children have all settled well into their new classrooms and discovering more about the universe with this term's topic of 'Up, Up and Away'.





It was a quieter summer with the addition of the sunken trampoline which has been a big hit, new fencing in the playground and decorating around the school. No major projects, thank goodness! We have warmly welcomed new children and new staff who have all settled in well to life

at Battledown and it is lovely to see everyone back and the school buzzing with activity.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you at parents' evening next term, and to putting on some

parents' evening next term, and to putting on some Christmas performances which we will invite you to come and enjoy.



Have a lovely half term, fingers crossed it stays dry!

## Squirrels Class Visit to the Cheltenham Literature Festival



On our fantastic trip to the Festival, we met the Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho. He read a few of his brilliant poems and all the children

really enjoyed listening and joining in with the actions.

As part of the session, Joseph used the class' ideas to write a new poem all about our favourite things. The trip was so successful and the pupils were amazing throughout!



To remember our special trip, we wrote our own poem using our memories of the trip:

I remember when got a long, red balloon.

I remember when I took orange 'F' to the Literature Festival

I remember when
I had a pink sword balloon

I remember when I sat in a Yurt with my friends

I remember when The sun was shining

I remember when Joseph read us a story, he was nice

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## Parents Evening

Wednesday, 16th November. More details to follow.

#### Allergy Aware School



NO NUTS! Please check contents of lunch boxes.

#### Children in Need Friday, 18th



November. Wear spots, pyjamas or something yellow!

#### ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

Term 2: Tue 1 Nov - Tue 20 Dec 2022

Inset: Wed. 4 Jan 2023

Term 3: Thu 5 Jan - Thu 16 Feb 2023

Inset: Fri, 17 Feb 2023

Term 4: Mon 27 Feb - Fri 31 Mar 2023

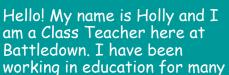
Term 5: Mon 17 Apr - Fri 26 May 2023

Bank Holiday: Mon, 1 May 2023

Term 6: Mon 5 Jun - Fri 21 Jul 2023

Inset: Mon, 24 & Tue, 25 Jul 2023

### Meet Holly Hewitt





years in SEN and mainstream settings. I love being outdoors, getting messy, having fun and all things creative. I believe that happy children thrive, and as a teacher I strive to help all children feel safe, secure and settled at school.

# Hello

#### Say hello to...

Jorge in Otters class
Isla & Ryan in Owls class

Teddy & Lowell in Rabbits class
Albert in Woodpeckers class

#### New Staff...

Laura Collier-Hall, Hedgehogs Class Teacher
Holly Hewitt, Squirrels Class Teacher
Gemma Brown, Learning Partner
Oliver Elliott, Learning Partner
Abbie O'Hare, Learning Partner
Graham Birch, Cleaner

## Meet Laura Collier-Hall

My name is Laura and I am a Class Teacher. I first found out about Battledown when I undertook a voluntary SEN

placement at the end of my teaching degree, I noticed straight away that there was something very special and truly unique about the school. For the past five years I have been teaching at Alderman Knight School across their primary, key stage 3 and 4 phases. As an early years trained teacher, I am excited about being part of the team at Battledown and look forward to working with these inspirational young people and their families. In my spare time I spend as much time as I can with my family as well as our dogs and cats.

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Photographer in school Wednesday, 23rd November.

If your child is unwell. don't forget to call in or message the team on Class Dojo before 9am to report any absences.

As the weather is starting to get colder, please ensure your child has a coat, hat and gloves in school for outdoor learning & play.



#### Battledown Pamper and shopping Night

Friday 11th November 7.00pm - 10.00pm £10.00 per ticket to include unlimited PIMM's cheese boards and a rapple ticket

Fashion show by Allure Clothing Pamper treatments available at a small charge Gyt Stalls

Pamper, shop or simply enjoy a drink with friends at Battledown Centre, Harp Hill,

Cheftenham, 01242 525472

Tickets available through Battledown Reception







#### **INFOCUS**

Tuesday, 22 November 9.30am -11.30am

Come and meet Stephen Moore from Glos Carers Hub, and Becky Pain-Tolin from the Parent Carer Forum, to discuss support and information available for parent carers.



#### Christmas Concerts

More details to follow but these will take place for each class as follows:

Tue, 13th December: Owls & Hedgehogs

Wed, 14th December: Foxes & Squirrels

Thu, 15th Dec: Woodpeckers & Rabbits

Fri, 16th December: Otters & Badgers

## Donations required!

We will shortly be asking for donations of items for the hampers being made up to raise money for the BFG. Donations could include bottles (alcoholic & non-alcoholic), chocolates, biscuits, sweets, savoury and sweet snacks, and general festive food. Also pamper items, e.g. unused toiletries, face packs, shower puffs, mani-pedi and general beauty items (not make up please).

A basket will be in Reception where you can drop off your donations, or send them in with your child and the class team will make sure they get there.





Please remember to label all clothing & personal items.