

# Bridstow CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2018

### **Diary Dates**

Our value in January is Determination

#### **January**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>
 PTFA 'New Year'
 Disco 6pm-7.30pm

#### **February**

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup>
   Celebration
   Assembly for
   Parents/Carers
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> HALF-TERM

# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Mondays
   Y1/Y2 Board
   Games & More
   Y3/Y6 Dance
- Tuesdays
   YR/Y1/Y2 Phonics
   Y3/Y6 Chess &
   Draughts
- Wednesdays
   Y2-Y6 Football
   starting 24<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Thursdays
   YR-Y6 Drama

### **Next Celebration Assembly for Parents/Carers**

Our next Celebration Assembly for Parents/Carers is scheduled for 10.15am on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. There will be an opportunity from 9.50am onwards to view our wonderful new Outdoor Learning Classroom prior to the start of the assembly should you be interested in having a closer look.

#### **Parent Governors**

We are very pleased to say that we have received one parent governor nomination to date, but we continue to have an additional vacancy for another parent governor. Please consider this opportunity.

There are no special skills needed and full training and support will be given. We have 6 meetings a year with the potential of a 2-3 school day visits organised throughout the year. Meetings will last between 1.5 and 3 hours with school visits lasting no longer than 2 hours. In total the role will require about 20 hours of your time over a normal school year.

Please either email Mr Brearey on <u>dbrearey@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk</u> or speak to him directly if you feel you could offer this time and support to our school.

# **Easy Fundraising for our school**

As you may be aware, Bridstow has signed up to the 'easyfundraising' website. We have already raised £45.82 for our school and this continues to go up every day following a purchase by a registered individual. You can shop with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the 'easyfundraising' website and a percentage of what you spend is passed to our school at no additional cost to you.

Retailers include Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco, Viking and many more. Please register to support us today on the following webstite:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bridstowprimary/

This will help raise additional money for our school towards all the projects we undertake to ensure that children get the best possible opportunities. Please see the school website for further links and instructions for how to sign up and take part.

# **New Governor Appointments**

We are pleased to welcome two new Governors to our school. Alison Johnson (Local Authority Representative) and Pauline Lee (Foundation Governor) stood and were elected to serve on our Governing Body recently. Both Alison and Pauline have previous experience in education as teachers. We hope that their wealth of experience will continue to develop our strong Governing Body for the foreseeable future.

Proud to be a member of the:

WYE VALLEY
LEARNING
NETWORK

www.bridstow-school.co.uk
admin@bridstow.hereford.sch.uk



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Find dates on Google calendar on school website

# **Healthy Snacks**

You will have no doubt been aware of recent press coverage of the recommended amounts of sugar and salt in children's diets. With this in mind, we ask all parents/carers to consider the types of snacks they are including in lunchboxes and also providing for break times. Further guidance on the types of snacks that are suitable can be found at: <a href="http://bit.ly/2Cwlvnt">http://bit.ly/2Cwlvnt</a>

#### Football After School Club with Adriano

We are pleased to announce that an after school football club with Adriano will start **on Wednesday 24**<sup>th</sup> **January**. This is for pupils in Y2 up to Y6. The cost will be £18 for 9 sessions. Cheques should be payable to Bridstow School Fund. Please complete and return the consent form below if you would like your child to join this club.

# **Pupil Attendance Policy**

As you will know, we updated our school policy fully last year. A copy of the full policy can be found on our school website, but it is important to make you aware of the updates to ensure that we are in-line with government protocols:

- 1. **Reporting Absence** All parents/carers are asked to notify school on each day of absence, and are encouraged to keep school informed about re-attendance for the period of the absence. This can be done in person, by telephone or in a written note to the school office or via the child's class teacher.
- 2. **First Day Calling** We call parents/carers on the morning of first absence if we have not received a reason for absence.
- 3. **Monitoring Attendance** The Head will monitor school attendance on a regular basis. He will ensure that attendance figures are in line with school targets set nationally.
- 4. **Authorised Holiday** It is unlikely that the school will be able to authorise any amount of holiday taken during the school term. However, please inform the school should you be planning to take your child out of school for any period of time. A planned absence request form is available to download from our website or from the school office.
- 5. **Unauthorised Leave** If this is taken after the school has refused authorisation and the absence reaches 5 days or more within an academic year, the Local Authority will be notified and may issue a penalty notice per parent of £60.

Thank you in advance for helping to support good attendance in school. Our attendance last year was only 95% - this was below the National Average of 96%.

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AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB CONSENT FORM (Y2-Y6 PUPILS )		
0	I would like my child	to join the above after school club
0	I enclose payment of £	cash / cheque (payable to Bridstow School Fund)
Signed by Parent/Carer		Date