



# Bridstow CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

## Diary Dates

- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
Celebration  
Assembly at  
**2.15pm**
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**October** 'Meet  
the Teacher' after  
school
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**October** Harvest  
Festival in Church  
at **9.45am**
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**October** PTFA  
AGM at **1.45pm**
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**October**  
Celebration  
Assembly at  
**10.15am**
- **Half Term**  
**Monday 24 -**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**October**

This month's  
value is  
**Endurance**

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DIARY DATES CAN BE  
FOUND ON THE  
WEBSITE**

## Ofsted Inspection

The outcomes of the Ofsted inspection will be made known as soon as we receive the draft report which will be in a week or two. Until that time, we are unable to give out any further information. However, we can say how heartened we were to hear of the very positive and complimentary feedback and views expressed to the inspector by Parents/Carers – thank you. Also, a big well done to all our pupils; the inspector was very impressed with the behaviour and positive attitudes shown and demonstrated by all.

## Celebration Assemblies for Parents/Carers

As far as possible we will be aiming to hold Celebration Assemblies to which Parents/Carers are invited on the last Friday of each month. There will be times when this is not possible but as usual the dates will be available on the school calendar, on the website and on newsletters. Our first such assembly of the year will take place next Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm followed by tea/coffee provided by the PTFA.

## Healthy Eating

As a school which aims to regain Healthy School status, can we respectfully remind Parents and Carers of the importance of providing children with healthy snacks and lunch boxes. We have noticed that more chocolate bars and similar items are appearing at lunch and snack times. We will be continuing to encourage our pupils to eat healthily and your encouragement and the reinforcement of this message at home is much appreciated.

## Harvest Festival and Community Larder

Our school Harvest Festival will be taking place in Bridstow Church on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9.45am. This year, the focus for donations will once again be the Ross Community Larder. Although we will be asking for donations of non-perishable food items for the larder for that event, please remember that our Community Larder table is open all year round for any tins, packets, jars etc. of food that your children bring in.

## Meet the Teacher Sessions

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding two 20 minute 'Meet the Teacher' sessions after school in each class. The idea is that Parents/Carers who are able and who wish, come into their child's class for one of the sessions and the class teacher will outline the year ahead and the sort of systems and expectations in their class. Such diverse things as homework, curricular learning and expectations, assessments, PE kit, music and so on will be covered.

Later in the academic year (Spring term) we will be running Parent Consultation Evenings. Of course any Parent/Carer with worries or concerns can contact the class teacher before that time for a one to one discussion either by 'phone or by arranging a mutually convenient time for a meeting.

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## Swimming

We are making a fairly major change to our swimming sessions this year. Primary schools are required to ensure that all pupils can swim a distance of 25m unaided by the time they leave at the age of 11. In the past, the majority of pupils at this school can swim considerably further than this and in fact many pupils in Year 6 are swimming at a level at which there are no more swimming awards available. For this reason, we have decided, like many other schools, to start swimming for our pupils at a younger age (Year 2) and to stop taking them swimming at the end of Year 4 by which time the majority can already swim 25 metres. Year 5 and 6 pupils that still require support will receive lessons as appropriate.

Swimming will start for pupils in Years 2, 3 and 4 at the start of the Spring Term and will continue through to the end of Summer Term. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

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## Admissions for Pupils in September 2017

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013, you will need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2017. Applications can be completed online at [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reception-class-admissions](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reception-class-admissions). If you are unable to complete an application online, please contact the school admissions team on 01432 260926/261574 or e-mail them at [schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk)

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## Milk Autumn

If you would like your child to have milk for the Autumn Term, please send your payment in a named envelope to school. The cost is 16p per day/80p per week. 1<sup>st</sup> half Autumn Term w/c 12/9 – 17/9 is £4.80 and 2<sup>nd</sup> half Autumn Term w/c 31/10-12/12 is £5.60. (Cheques payable to Bridstow School Fund.)

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