



Bridstow CE Primary School Newsletter

JANUARY 2018

Diary Dates

JANUARY

- **Friday 25th**
Disco
6pm-7.30pm

FEBRUARY

- **Monday 4th**
Hedgehog Class
Circus Skills
during school
- **Friday 15th**
Parents'
Celebration
Assembly
2.30pm

HALF TERM

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd

*Sports Xtra
Holiday Club
18th, 19th, 20th*

- **Monday 25th**
Back to school
(normal time)

MARCH

- **Wednesday 7th**
World Book Day
- **Friday 15th**
Red Nose Day

Welcome Back!

We are already in to the third week of this half term! The children have returned with a renewed energy and it is noticeable how focused and ready to learn the majority of children have been these past few weeks. This half term is when teachers and classes both know each other well and we can really get our teeth into our learning. Often, this is when children make the most progress! Here's to a successful half term. Thank you for your support.

Friday afternoons

We are pleased to welcome Matthew Davis from Sports Xtra who will be spending Friday afternoons with us for the rest of this term. Mr Davis will be working with Hedgehogs and Squirrels this half term to help them play fun games and activities focussed upon keeping them healthy and happy. Next half term, he will be doing the same for Otters and Badgers in the afternoon. He is also running a Multi-skills sports club on a Friday afternoon for pupils in Y1-Y6 over the term. There are still a few spaces for this club. Please enquire at the office if your son/daughter would like a place.

Upcoming projects

We have been lucky enough to get a successful bid from the Government's sugar tax fund via the Diocese. As a consequence, (and with help from our Sports Premium money and the school PTFA) we hope to be installing a brand new 'fitness trail' to replace our existing one in the far corner of the playground. It is likely that works will be completed during this term. Look out for changes in this space. Both the School Council and staff have been part of the process in choosing the fitness equipment that will replace the existing trail.

Whole School Attendance

Whole school attendance target this year: 96%

Last year (2017-2018) we achieved 94.8%

Whole school (up to and including 24/01/19) 94.59%

Class Attendance (up to and including 24/01/19)

Hedgehog Class: 94.21%	Otter Class: 94.82%
Squirrel Class: 95.44%	Badger Class: 94.15%

Congratulations to Squirrel Class for the best attendance of the year to date.

MARCH

- **Weds 20th – Fri 22nd**
Badger Class residential
- **Friday 29th**
Parents' Celebration Assembly
10.15am

APRIL

- **Mon 8th – Thurs 11th afternoons**
Intensive Swim Week Y2
- **Friday 12th**
Easter Service
1.00pm
- **Friday 12th**
Last Day finish
at 2.00pm

Find dates on
Google
calendar on
school website

**Our value in
January is
Honesty**

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all of the families that have already responded to our online questionnaire. So far we have had 24 responses. Currently, we have 72 families in the school, so there are a few families that are yet to complete the form.

The form should take no more than 15 minutes to complete and can be completed on any device (PC, iPad, iPhone and Android devices) with internet access. Please take the time to complete this important document – even if you are happy with everything that the school does!

LINK TO QUESTIONNAIRE: <https://bit.ly/2zGmRt1>

In the February edition of the Newsletter, we will be responding to some of the main concerns raised as part of the questionnaire. Please have your say.

Easy Funding

Please do not forget to use easyfundraising next time you shop online! It is a really simple way to raise money for Bridstow Primary School through your everyday online shopping with retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden and M&S and it is completely free. Over £20million has already been raised for good causes in the UK by easyfundraising shoppers so please help us get our share!
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bridstowprimary/>
