



Bridstow CE Primary School Newsletter

2nd February 2022

FEBRUARY

- **Friday 18th**
Last Day of ½ Term – normal finish time

- **Mon 21st – Fri 25th**

HALF TERM

- **Monday 28th**
Return for 2nd half of Spring Term

MARCH

- **Thursday 3rd**
World Book Day
- **Friday 18th**
Red Nose Day
- **Weds 16th – Fri 18th**
Y5/6 Wilderness Residential

APRIL

- **Thursday 7th**
Easter Service – arrangements TBC
- **Friday 8th**
End of Spring Term – 2pm finish

Our Value for
January is:
Wisdom

Happy New Year!

Apologies for the belated first Newsletter of the year. We have saved things up so that there is enough to communicate for the next few weeks.

This month has already been an eventful one with the number of Covid cases locally in schools increasing daily. Hopefully, over the coming months, numbers will reduce and we can focus upon what we are here for – to help your children work together, grow together and flourish together.

PTFA Update

We are always on the lookout for new members to join our Parent, Teacher and Families Association (PTFA). Already this academic year, the PTFA have supported the school financially with paying for all of the transport to and from the Clearwell Caves Christmas experience. Things have been tricky in recent years with fundraising, and the PTFA are working hard to continue fundraising in these times when traditional PTFA events are not always possible. Please contact Mr Brearey, Headteacher, if you are interested in having a role in any way.

Annual Parent & Carer Survey

Every year we survey parents and carers of children in the school to better understand your views and to help us continue to do what works and to change things that might not be working as well as they could. ALL parents and carers have a part to play in this feedback. Please take 5 minutes to complete this year's annual survey. The more responses we have, the better we know what you feel. Thank you in advance:

<https://forms.office.com/r/asC1xg4j1Y>

Covid-19 Updates

Thank you to all families for your continued support during these challenging times. Regular testing at home (using lateral flows) is really helping us identify the spread of infection. Please continue to test regularly across the school.

Ordering lateral flow tests

These can be ordered online and delivered to your home via the following link – they are completely free.

<https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/order-lateral-flow-kits/condition>

You can order one pack of 7 tests per day per person (you will need to set up an NHS log in). The whole process takes no more than 5 minutes.

Sickness Absence

When phoning in daily sickness absences for your child, please be as specific as possible. We currently complete a daily return to the Department for Education and this requires specific details on the number of absences we have and their causes. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Minibus Funding

We are in the process of fundraising for our school minibus again for this academic year. As you know, Bridstow School benefit from being able to collect and drop-off a number of children every day in and around Ross-on-Wye. We also benefit from the use of the bus for local school trips – dramatically reducing overall costs and making local trips more achievable on a regular basis.

We do our best to make it affordable and accessible for all, but our annual overheads (driving, petrol, insurance, tax and a little maintenance – thanks to GKC!) do add up. If you would like to ‘sponsor’ the bus or just make a donation to its upkeep, please contact Mr Brearey directly on head@bridstow.hereford.sch.uk and he will provide you with full details of ways that you can support.
