



Bridstow CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th September 2021

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

- **Tuesday 21st**
Squirrel Class trip to Goodrich Castle
- **Thursday 23rd**
Badger Class
Swimming starts

OCTOBER

- **Tuesday 12th**
Y1 Hearing Tests
- **Tuesday 19th**
Individual and family photos
- **Friday 22nd**
Last day

HALF TERM

Mon 25th - Fri 29th

Our Value for
September is:
RESPECT

Welcome Back

I am so pleased with how well the children have returned after the Summer break. It has been lovely to see all the new classes learning and marvel at how well our new starters in Reception have settled in already. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Unfortunately, we have not fared so well with Coronavirus cases this year. Already we have had three pupil cases that have been confirmed with a PCR test. I am pleased to say that they and their families are well, but it underlines the importance we continue to place upon good hygiene and maintaining Key Stage separation – where possible. As you know, we have been asked by the Government to no longer close class bubbles for small numbers of cases, but we will be looking at ‘close contacts’ and advising those individuals to seek a PCR test if appropriate.

Looking forward, let us hope that this academic year more closely resembles a ‘normal’ school year with all of the fun, excitement and joy of learning and being in school.

Mr Brearey

Library Volunteer(s) Needed

We are looking for help to run our small but important school library. The role involves coming into school around once a week for a couple of hours to keep the books organised, to help children choose books and to check the books in and out. Our library system is computerised but we are happy to train up anyone who is interested in how to operate the very simple and user-friendly system we use (Junior Librarian). If you think you might be able to offer some help with the library, please get in touch via email to Mr Brearey (dbrearey@bridstow.hereford.sch.uk).

Charity Shop

The charity shop which was selling items to support our school for a couple of weeks in the summer raised the fantastic sum of around £2000! Well done and thank you to those of you who donated items and the volunteers who ran the shop.

We have decided to use the money to help each class have an amount to subsidise the cost of a class trip or trips this year and the rest will be used to buy some more books for the school library as the existing stock needs refreshing and replacing in some cases.

Go Read

As you know, we have moved the children’s reading records to a digital app which can be used on phones, tablets and pcs. So far, we have seen many parents/carers engage enthusiastically with this system which is very easy to use once the app is downloaded and the relevant QR code scanned. The reading record is just a way for us and you knowing which page the child is on in their school reading book and getting a brief idea of how they are getting on.



If you need any help with the app or need your child's QR code resending, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher (email addresses are at the end of this newsletter).

After School Clubs

We will be running a few after school clubs starting the week after next. A letter will be going out next week detailing which clubs will be available on which days to the different year groups.

Hedgehog Class Mrs Wallin – nwallin@bridstow.hereford.sch.uk

Squirrel Class Mr Pullen – apullen@bridstow.hereford.sch.uk

Otter Class Miss Owen & Mr Evans – jowen@bridstow.hereford.sch.uk oevans@bridstow.hereford.sch.uk

Badger Class Mrs Shuck – cshuck@bridstow.hereford.sch.uk