



Bridstow CE Primary School Newsletter

22nd November 2021

Diary Dates

DECEMBER

- **Thursday 9th**
Nasal Flu
Immunisations
- **Friday 10th**
Wear a Christmas
Jumper to school
Carol Service
see separate info
for these events
- **Monday 13th**
Whole School PTFA
Trip to Clearwell
Caves (more info to
follow)
- **Monday 14th**
Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 16th**
Last Day of term
Early finish 2pm
- **Friday 17th**
Day in Lieu for
Queen's Platinum
Jubilee in June 22

JANUARY

- **Wednesday 5th**
Spring Term begins
– normal times

Not long now...

This time in the school year is always busy with productions and events planned to celebrate Christmas. This year is no exception, though we still remain a little quiet on more public facing events! This year, we have produced a short overview of all the important dates for the rest of the term so that you do not miss anything. We hope it proves useful.

Ofsted Letter

We are pleased to announce that, after a very long wait for official confirmation, we remain a 'Good' school. This inspection was a 'short' one-day inspection and so the school only receives a letter outlining the findings of the two inspectors who were in for that day. Our next inspection will be a two-day inspection. As with all inspections, we have a great many positives to be proud of and some areas for development, but we feel very confident in our ability to address these in the short term ready for our next inspection when that comes. Please take the time to read the letter about the inspection that is included alongside this newsletter.

Whole School Christmas Trip

This year the whole school will be visiting Clearwell Caves for the morning on Monday 13th December. A letter is scheduled to be sent out tomorrow with full details and costs. Thank you to the PTFA for organising the trip and supporting the school with the subsidising of the event.

Parent Consultation Feedback

Thank you to all families for their engagement with parent consultations a few weeks ago. Please can you take 2-3 minutes to complete any feedback you have about the consultations – this feedback is invaluable for our planning for future events of a similar nature. Follow this link to provide your feedback:
<https://forms.office.com/r/dCdGChNfky>

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Letters and consent forms have already been sent home with information about the Influenza Nasal Flu Immunisations for pupils. This will be in school on 9th December. If you have not already done so, please complete the form and return to school (either giving or not giving your consent).

Last Day of Term-Thursday 16th December

As you will see from the dates, **the last day of term has been changed to THURSDAY 16th December with and early finish at 2pm.** Friday 17th December is a day in lieu for

the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

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.

Covid 19 Reminder

Please see the following extract from the recent Herefordshire Council Covid 19 letter emailed to parents on 15th November.

As parents, please continue to:

- Remain aware of any additional measures we may have in place and support our requests to maintain social distancing and wear face coverings when appropriate.
- Stay at home and **get a PCR test** if you, or a household member, have a new continuous cough, high temperature or loss of smell or taste. To book your PCR test, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or phone 119.
- **Contacts of cases outside the home should also follow the advice to get a PCR test. As we know that household transmission is extremely common, we are advising household contacts of cases to not go to school and remain at home until they receive a negative PCR test, and then to complete daily LFD tests for 7 days**
- Take part in lateral flow testing 2 times per week if you are a parent or are a secondary school or college student. **To order your tests to be delivered to your home or find your nearest test site, please visit:** <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
- Let your school know as soon as possible if you have a positive test result, either on a lateral flow or PCR test.