



Bridstow CE Primary School Newsletter

22nd October 2021

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

- Friday 22nd

Last day of half term

HALF TERM

Mon 25th - Fri 29th

NOVEMBER

- Monday 1st

Return to school

- Friday 19th

Children in Need Day

DECEMBER

- Thursday 9th

Nasal Flu Immunisations

- Monday 13th

Whole School PTFA Trip to Clearwell Caves (more info to follow in the new term)

- 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

New School Vision and Values

Over the past term and a half, the Oak Meadow Federation have been developing a new overarching vision for Bridstow and our sister school Brampton Abbots. Below is a summary of this. You will begin to see this used more (both on our new website) and in future communications etc.

Our Federation Vision

Our vision is rooted in Psalm 1:3 'You are like a tree, planted by streams of water that never run dry. Your fruit ripens in its time; your leaves never fade or curl. In all you do, you prosper.'

We will offer an excellent education in a Christian context for our children through our work together. Our children will develop as well-rounded individuals as they grow together during their time in school. Ultimately, our children will achieve their potential and flourish.

Our vision can be summarised in the sentence: **Work together, Grow together, Flourish together**

Our vision and values, alongside the symbol of the oak tree can be summarised as follows:

1. **Work Together 'in Friendship'** – Our communities form the roots of who we are and how we work; it is the foundation from where we develop. They feed the tree. Like roots drawing water from the soil we draw inspiration from the Christian teachings that are at the core of our ethos. Through friendship we develop all the ways we work together.
2. **Grow Together 'in Honesty and Respect'** – The trunk of the oak represents the strength of the federation. The branches represent growth in terms of personal learning and development of us all; both educationally and morally. Our children grow by learning about the core values of honesty, to ourselves and others, and respect, for others and the environment in which we live. This includes the respect of the views of others, even when we do not always agree.
3. **Flourish Together 'in Happiness'** – The acorn is the fruit of the oak tree. In the same way, our ongoing development, achievements, successes and aspirations can be seen as 'fruits' of our labours. This is how we flourish in Happiness for our ongoing development.

Oak Meadow Federation is clear about its mission. We are here to foster and develop a love of learning of all kinds, just as the mighty oak tree grows and develops from a humble acorn so our children grow and develop during their time with us.

Harvest Festival

Our virtual Harvest Service was posted onto our Facebook feed this morning (Friday 22nd October). Please take a little time to view it to see the contributions from each class. Children watched it in school this morning as part of our celebrations.

New Look School Website

The school website has recently been completely updated with a new look and updated information – including a new welcome video! This continues to be an ongoing area for development, but (I think you will all agree) the new look helps to continue to make our school website look fresh and up to date for the years to come. Please take a look via: <https://bridstow-school.co.uk/>

Parent Consultations

These have been scheduled for **Tuesday 9th November (3.30-6pm)** and **Wednesday 10th November (5.30-8pm)** after half term. On Monday 1st November we will be writing to all parents and carers with details of how to sign up. This year, we will continue with the use of Reservio (the online sign-up system we used last year) and meetings will continue to take place via Zoom.

New First Aid

Next half term and onwards, we will be introducing the use of class based school accident reports. These are small cheque book sized slips that will be used to report any significant first aid incidents in school. They will be put in book bags (or similar) on the day of an event for your information. Any more serious cases, will continue to be communicated directly with parents straight away.

Head Lice

A number of cases have been reported across the school. Please ensure that your child's hair is checked and treated over the half-term break to help tackle this in the new half term. Thank you in advance.

Secondary Admissions for September 2022

Parents are advised to read the relevant information regarding the admissions process before making an application <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/secondary-school-admissions>

The link for applying is

<https://educationportal.herefordshire.gov.uk/Synergy/FSD/Enquiries/Citizen/citizen.aspx/>

PLEASE NOTE If you are a parent that is applying using an existing account and you get an error – on Step 2 saying out of LA - you need to untick the box “address same as applicant” on the child's record for whom you are applying for and re- enter the address, before proceeding.

If you are having any issue and still can not apply please email

dskyrme@herefordshire.gov.uk or schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk

If applications are not submitted by the 31 October they will be classed as late (unless a genuine reason for lateness) and will not be looked at until after all on-time applicants have been allocated a school.

School Photos

Sample photos were sent home on Tuesday. Please follow the instructions on the form to order online. Deadline for online orders to have free delivery is by 28th

October. If you are not ordering direct with the photographer online, then orders will need to be handed into school by Monday 1st November.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Letters and consent forms have already been sent home last week 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 an 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.

Morrisons 'It's Good To Grow' Scheme

The school have registered for this scheme where for every £10 you spend in store (or online) at Morrisons you will get a Grow Token to help our school get gardening equipment to get our children growing.

To ensure that our school get your Grow Tokens, download the MyMorrisons app and choose Bridstow Primary School as your selected school. You can use the app or a plastic card version linked to your account to scan after every shop. Grow Tokens will automatically be sent to the school for us to use. The QR code below will take you straight to the app download page on a smart phone:

QR Code

