

# Bitterley C E Primary School Academy 2 - 11



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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We are a Christian Values based school. We create an environment in which children love to learn, where they drive the choices made about their learning and where they develop social and relationship skills which will last throughout their lives.

Our value for October is Appreciation.

## PTA

Saturday 3rd December 2016

### THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE NEEDS YOU!

The date is set and preparations for arranging the school's annual Christmas Fayre are beginning.

However, without enough helpers needed now it will not be possible to put on the Christmas Fayre to the high standard it is known for, or indeed at all!

Last year's Christmas Fayre raised nearly £3,000 and paid for the new outdoors activity equipment that the children are all enjoying.

If you are able to help now with the arrangements please either leave your contact details with Mandy or Karen at the school reception or come along to a dedicated meeting about the Christmas Fayre being held on Wednesday 12th October 2016 at 7.00pm at The Squirrel, Ludlow.

All are welcome and no matter how big or small your offer of help or commitment is, all will be gratefully received.

Many thanks – The PTA

## Netball report

Report from Mr. Smith:

"This Monday saw the return of the netball league taking place at Ludlow Leisure Centre. With 3 new players playing their first ever competitive game of netball we took on a strong Ludlow Juniors' side.

The final score was 15-1 to Ludlow but the game was a handy eye opener for those new to the game, seeing just how fast paced the games can be. Having tasted and experienced the competitive nature of the league, we will look to replicate the speedy passing and sharp shooting ourselves next week. A special mention to Harry, Millie and Jonah who were all making debuts and did themselves and the school proud".

## Children's' page

"I liked going into the garden. I played there with Issac". Joshua, Class 1.

"I have loved playing on the climbing wall and new climbing frame! It was fun moving around the different bits". Hector, Class 2.

"In Science, we have been finding out about materials. We had to write about them – it was fun!" Kelsey, Class 3.

"We tested rocks to see if they were permeable or impermeable. Slate was impermeable". Bobbie-Jay, Class 4.

"I've really enjoyed learning about Queen Victoria and when Albert died, she only wore black. We've also been learning about the maids and factory children". Hattie, Class 5.

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## Star of the Week

Class 1: Martha for settling in well.

Class 2: Travis for his fabulous number work.

Class 3: Owen for excellent focus and effort in literacy and maths.

Class 4: Eben for focus and hard work in maths and using his new skills in his maths test.

Class 5: Jocelin for super reasoning skills in maths, reading and topic work.



Well done to Archer for being given a Swimmer of the Week award for "super improvement in breathing action in front crawl".

## Maths focus Information Evening

Maths reasoning is a key focus for our whole school development this year. Children will be using the 'White Rose Resources' in class. If you are interested in find out more about this so that you can support your children at home with Maths reasoning then please come along to school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm.

## Thank you

Mrs Bradley would like to thank everyone who attended the coffee morning organised by Lily and Charlotte in aid of Macmillan. The amount raised was a fantastic £312.00.

## Break times – fruit!

Please can you send you child in with a healthy snack for break times.

## Easyfundraising

With Christmas getting closer and lots of parents/carers buying online, please remember that a lot of money can be raised for Bitterley School by clicking on the Easyfundraising link on the school's app and on the school website.

## Homework Policy

After much discussion and consultation we have finalised our Policy. The document can be found by clicking here:



Homework.doc

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A copy can also be found on the school website in the news section. Our key aim in developing this document was to provide experience at home that was purposeful for our children. For those receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, a paper copy of the policy will be attached.



### Bedstone Cross Country

Well done to those children who took part this week! It was a lovely event – the hot chocolate was good too!



### Medical & Dental appointments

Following a visit from our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) last week, we need to inform all parents and carers that every dental and medical appointment that entails a child taking time out of the school day must be supported by a letter/appointment card. If a letter/card is provided, your child's absence will be recorded with an 'M', if not, an unauthorised absence code will be used. This is a requirement expected of our school by the EWO.

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### Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest assembly for parents/carers is taking place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 9.30am in the school hall. Could we ask that each child brings in an item of **non-perishable** food as a harvest donation either before or on that day.

We will be sending all of the food received to the Leominster Priory who make fortnightly journeys to Calais where the food is distributed to the many refugees there.



### Birthdays

This week we have celebrated the birthdays of: Morgan, Livvy, Hermione, Jack and Flynn.

### PE Kits

Reminder: school uniform includes PE kit. Please ensure children have the correct kit available for sport. Many thanks.

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### Second hand uniform

Mrs Wilson will be selling some second hand uniform after school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October in the school library.

### School Dates

Parents Harvest Assembly	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October, 9.30am
Grandparents Harvest lunch	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October, 1.00pm
Half Term starts	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Half term holiday	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October
Term starts	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Maths Reasoning – parent's information evening.	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November – 5pm
Children in Need Day – wear spots!	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
PD Day	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Parents Evening	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November, 15.30 – 17.30hrs
Parents Evening	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 16.00 – 19.00hrs

Non-uniform day	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November
KS2 Pantomime trip	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Bitterley School Christmas Fair	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
KS2 Play – afternoon	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
KS2 Play - evening	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Craft Day - volunteers needed.	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
KS1 Pantomime trip	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Church Service – KS1 Nativity	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am
Term ends	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas holidays	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December - Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January
PD Day	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017
Term starts	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January

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