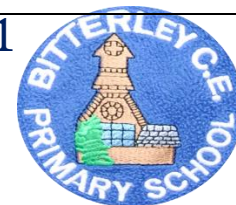


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We are a Christian Values based school. We create an environment in which children love to learn, where they drive the choices made about their learning and where they develop social and relationship skills which will last throughout their lives. Our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

### Goodbyes!

We have to say goodbye today to our wonderful Year 6. Goodbye and good luck to Bailey, Klara, Harriet, Lily P, Emma, Megan, Sam, James, Jamie, Alfie, Ewan, Matthew, Lily B, Simon, Hattie, Alex, Jack and Yasmin.



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Goodbye and good luck to Mrs Sloan who has been working at Bitterley for 7 years with Matthew.



We will miss you all. But we are not sad because something is coming to an end, we are joyful

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because of all the fantastic memories that we have together.

### SIAMS Inspection Report

We are pleased to be able to announce that our overall judgement was 'Outstanding'. The report is now an official document and is available on our website in the 'Inspection' section. It is also attached to the email that this letter is sent on.

### Beard Shave Day

Mr Davies agreed to have his beard removed today to raise money for the Year 6 chosen charity: Christian Aid. A fantastic £127.00 was raised by donations to school and a further £150.00 by friends/family of Mr Davies. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event.



### Cake Sale

The Class 5 cake sale held on Sports Day raised £132.50. This money will also be donated to Christian Aid. Well done to Class 5 for all their hard work making, baking and selling the cakes!

### School Website Gallery

Please take a look at our Gallery page on the school website for lots of photos of our events!

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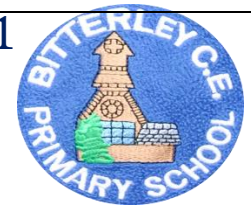
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### Dress as a Celebrity Non-uniform day

Today was a 'Dress as a celebrity' non-uniform day to raise money for Cancer Research UK. The idea for the day came from Bailey. We raised £38.00. Thank you for your support.



### School Dates

Start of Autumn term	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Break up for half term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Half term holiday	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
PD day	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November

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### Cleobury Mortimer Rugby Club present Kids' Summer Rugby Camp

Boys and girls welcome – two days of rugby development, games and lots of fun for 7 – 14yrs. August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am – 3.30pm. £49 for 2 days – early booking price of £40.

For more information or to book call 07425 333216 or email [cleoburyrugbycamp@gmail.com](mailto:cleoburyrugbycamp@gmail.com)

### A Note From the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

*On behalf of the governing body, we would like to give you an update as to what has been the focuses of our work this academic year. You are of course very welcome to contact us at any point during the year. The school website has an overview of the governors and their specific areas of responsibility.*

*Post the conversion to an academy and becoming part of the Bishop Anthony Educational Trust, inclusion of the Out of Hours Club and integration of the of nursery/Class 1, the strategic focus for the body has been to gain greater stability of the governing body. After analysis of the existing skill set, we have identified the areas which needed improvement. In this academic year we have been pleased to welcome Imogen Jones and Jo Hastie as parent governors. We are hoping that that Imogen will improve the communication between the governors and PTA to ensure we all work towards the greater common*

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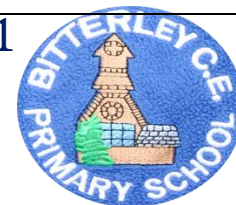


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*good. We have been very fortunate to co-opt Dave Hedgely as vice chairman who brings great expertise as a retired head teacher and also extensive work as a governor over 14 years. We have identified two more governors that will be announced at the beginning of next term.*

*Bitterley School as a Church of England school is subject to inspection both by Ofsted and the School Inspection for Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). In the summer term, we had our SIAMS inspection which reviews both the performance of the school as well how well the Christian ethos helps provide a happy, enthusiastic learning environment for our children. I am very pleased to announce that we were judged "Outstanding". A copy of the report can be found on the website.*

*The resources committee has also been dealing with the continual issue of parking and bus transport. The parking working group comprises representatives both from the school, residents and the parish council. There has been some progress as Mr. Wheeler has looked at applying for planning permission of the field next to the school. However, the Parish Council needs to apply for Bitterley to have cluster status for this to be able to be progressed. As regards to bus transport we have been trying relentlessly for Shropshire Council to come out and inspect the issues and see if we can negotiate better prices for parents who want to put their children on the bus.*

*As we approach the end of another academic year the school is in a good place with increased pupil numbers projected for September.*

*As well as strategic planning the governing body, through its Standards Committee and Resources Committee, has carried out the full range of activities needed to ensure that the school moves forward academically with the necessary resources both human and material in place to enable it to do so. Each half term the Standards Committee reviews the school's academic data against Key Improvement Indicators and our initial 2017 Key Stage results indicate that the measures we put in place regarding staffing and new resources have been effective, with a well done to Mr Davies and the staff from us for a lot of hard work to achieve this.*

*The Resources Committee have a rolling programme which looks at the fabric of the building, staffing needs, H&S issues, safeguarding and the provision of material resources against a cost effective criteria. We have once more balanced our budget but actually face staffing cost challenges due to increased pupils' numbers to balance class sizes. In addressing this we will always put effective teaching priorities first.*

*Once again we would like to thank all those who have contributed to another successful and happy year for the pupils of Bitterley School COE Academy. We hope everyone has a good summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone again in September. On a personal note I would like*

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*to once again thank my fellow Governors for their support and to acknowledge the enormous amount of their own time and effort that they put into driving the school forward.*

*S Chance Chairman On behalf of the Governing Body.*

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