



**BITTERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY 2 - 11**

Values

*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 April is Hope.*

OFSTED Inspection – message from Mr. Davies

*On Wednesday we had OFSTED inspector Helen Davies in school. The report produced by the inspection will be available within the next month or so. Until then the findings are confidential.*

*However we are pleased to inform parents that we believe the report findings will reflect the hard work which has consistently happened over the last five years at Bitterley School.*

*Thank you to all of the staff and governors who showed what a magnificent team they are...but we already knew that!*

*Thank you so much to all parents who took the time to provide their feedback to the inspector. As a school we have been totally overwhelmed by the parental support that we have received this week. Thank you for the support that you give us every day.*

*The inspection day was long and demanding. However two things*

Number of the week for Class 1

*For week commencing 30th April is: 3*

*were very clear. Firstly, the real hard work is done way before any inspection and this was demonstrated and unmistakably seen on Wednesday.*

*Secondly, and MOST importantly, our children were at the centre. They shone as they always do. The children demonstrated yet again what a credit they are to Bitterley School, to themselves and to their families.*

PTA AGM

*The PTA AGM will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 7.00pm at The Squirrel, Ludlow. All welcome. The PTA would particularly welcome parents of children in Classes 1, 2 and 3.*

Dates

4/5/18 – PD Day – School closed

7/5/18 – Bank Holiday

11/5/18 – Special Assembly – Walking with the wounded

25/5/18 – May Madness Walk

28/5/18 – 1/6/18 – Half Term

13/6/18 - Father's Day lunch

18/6/18 – School photographs

26/6/18 – Yr. 6 Hereford Cathedral Celebration event

7/7/18 – Fete at Lower Court

10/7/18 – Optional Parent's Evening

11/7/18 – Optional Parent's Evening

12/7/18 – Bitterley's Got Talent

13/7/18 – Sports Day

10/7/18 – End of term

## Matilda and the Rainbow Bear



Matilda went to Rainbows for the first time and she was a little bit scared when she first got there. She made lots of new friends and was given a badge for making lots of unicorns!

### Star of the Week

**Class 1:** Jordan for being super kind to his friends and excellent sharing.

**Class 2:** Jasper for his super letter formation and handwriting.

**Class 3:** Xanthe for her excellent attitude to learning and always trying her best.

**Class 4:** Drew for his focus in maths and his ability to answer maths questions extremely quickly.



### Year 6 leaver's hoodies

All year 6 children received a letter last week about ordering

a leavers hoodie. We need a minimum order of 12 so that this can go ahead. Please send your order in by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

### Children's page

"Today we played outside and we did an obstacle course in our playground! It had a slide, stepping stones, balancing beam and a tunnel. I really enjoyed it!" Lucy, Class 1.

"I have enjoyed find out about vegetables! We planted our own in our vegetable plot!" Lola, Class 2.

"We have been writing a biography about Prince Harry! It was interesting to learn new things". Sophie, Class 3.

"We have been making information pages about rain forests". Ethan W, Class 4.

### News from the kitchen

#### Special menu – Fun at the Fair – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

Hot dogs or veggie sausage hot dogs (V) with fried onions, tomato sauce & mustard

Beef burger with fried onions & tomato sauce

Jacket potato with assorted fillings

Served with:

Chips, baked beans & sweetcorn

Followed by:

Baked jam doughnuts or frozen raspberry yoghurt

## Class 1 Acton Scott trip

Please can all parents/carers of Class 1 children send their completed form and payment if going on the trip to Acton Scott. Please ensure these are returned by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you.

### Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who sent in spare clothes for Class 1 to use.

### School meal menu

A copy of the new school menu is available on the school website. Go to 'Parents', 'Our home cooked school meals' and click on the blue heading 'Bitterley CE Primary Parent Leaflet'.

If you would like a paper copy, please ask at the school office.

### Birthdays

This week we have celebrated the birthday of Leon.

### Hot weather

Can we ask that during the hot weather, children are sent to school with a sunhat and long-lasting sun cream is applied in the morning before school.

### Walking with the Wounded Talk

Walking with the Wounded is a UK-based charity supporting injured British Armed Forces personnel in their career transition from the military to civilian life.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 1.30pm at Bitterley Village Hall there is a talk from two representatives from this charity. They are Andrew Cook (Director of Fundraising), who is an excellent speaker and has been dedicated to the charity almost since its inception, and Duncan Slater, who is a truly inspirational speaker –

<http://www.itv.com/news/2017-04-14/duncan-slater-makes-history-as-first-double-amputee-to-complete-worlds-toughest-race/>.

*This is a very special event which we are pleased to be able to support. Parents are welcome to come along. Please let the office know if you intend to do so.*

### Achievement Assembly

*Well done to Fliss who completed a 1 handed cartwheel in gymnastics.*

*Congratulations to Xanthe who received her Swimmer of the Week award for "Excellent front crawl".*

*Well done to Travis who was given his Swimmer of the Week award for "Lovely back crawl practice".*

*Congratulations to Lewis and Mary who both were awarded their Learn to Swim Stage 2 badge. Mary also received her Rainbow 10m badge.*

*Well done to Alex who received his Swimmer of the Week award for "Beautiful long arms and quiet hands, great bubbles and glides".*



*Congratulations to Holly, Scarlett, Ellie, Noah, Dylan and Alice for completing the Storm the Castle race last weekend!*



### Local to Ludlow – Bake off with Local Schools

*Local to Ludlow is a local Community Interest Company that manage the Local Produce Market and a small café and shop in Ludlow. What surplus they generate from their activities is to benefit our local community. They are offering different schools in the area an opportunity to participate in 'Ludlow Bake Off' sessions with us.*

*They would provide a professional trainer, Trish Dockerty who has over 10 years' experience of teaching cookery with children and Helen Melrose, a local professional baker to run these sessions, entirely free of charge. Each group of sessions would end with a final bake off session where 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes are awarded. The winner from each school then has an opportunity to enter an 'inter school bake off' on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September at the Ludlow Food Festival to be judged by a former contestant off the real BBC Bake Off series.*

*The aim of the project is to help improve children's self-esteem and inspire potential budding bakers amongst school age children. These sessions will be taking place with our Year 4 children on 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June in school.*

### Time out for you – Guided meditations

*New group starting in Bitterley on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 9.00am – 10.30am for 8 weeks. £8.00 per week.*

*Contact Lynn on 01584 892049 or [lynn@dowsingwithsoul.co.uk](mailto:lynn@dowsingwithsoul.co.uk) to book your place.*