



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

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

20/7/18 – End of term

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 May is Patience.*

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.*

Governors Corner

*I joined the board of governors at the same time as Imogen Jones as a parent governor in 2016. I have a daughter, Bethany, in Class 3 and was interested in learning how to support the school more directly. I sit on the Standards Committee which oversees delivery of the national curriculum, including assessment and monitoring. I am Link Governor for maths and science*

*which means being aware of how the school is performing in those subjects and how they are taught in school.*

*I am originally a northerner but moved from London around six years ago to Ludlow. We don't actually live near to any schools, but Bitterley was the favourite out of all the schools we looked at. I work as a freelance project manager in conservation and animal welfare, mainly working on wildlife trade issues such as the ivory trade including education, campaigning and report writing, and I am also lucky enough to organise an event at the House of Lords every year to celebrate people around the UK who are making a huge difference for animals. Some of the work can be quite stressful, so work as a governor provides a different challenge for my brain, with lots of new things to learn, as well as providing an insight in to what goes on behind the scenes to make Bitterley such a good school.*

*Jo Hastie*

Hot weather

*Can we ask that during the hot weather, children are sent to school with a sunhat and that 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 1<sup>st</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.*

*Number of the week for Class 1*

*For week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> May is: 4*