



FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018

BITTERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY 2 - 11

Dates

- 13/6/18 - Father's Day lunch
- 18/6/18 – School photographs
- 26/6/18 – Yr. 6 Hereford Cathedral Celebration event
- 26/6/18 – Children spend the morning with new class.
- 4/7/18 – Children spend the afternoon with new class.
- 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
- 18/7/18 – School disco (Yrs. 1 – 6)
- 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 June is Tolerance and understanding.*

GDPR

Before half term we sent home a form with all children which we asked to be completed and returned to school. We still have some forms that have not been returned. Could any parents/carers who have not returned their child's form please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your help in this matter.



Messages to school

*On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May (last day of the half term) there was no one available to check emails on the admin email account. Two message were emailed about the arrangements for two children for the end of the day. PLEASE*

*ensure that for any important messages, (particularly about arrangements for picking children up), a phone call is made to school.*

Children's page

*"We did some weeding in our garden. I pulled out all the grass. I watered our plants to make them grow". Archel, Class 1.*

*"I liked outside learning. I was filling up the bottles in the bubble Tuff spot!" Mollie, Class 2.*

*"We went on a very exciting trip. We found some tags on trees because we did orienteering". Ben, Class 3.*

*"This week the Year 6 boys took part in a cricket festival at Ludlow Cricket Club. We came second! We have also written diaries about the 'Big Bad Wolf". Harry, Class 5.*

Soccer Aid

*Thank you to all families who supported the Soccer Aid event today. The children had great fun and we raised £97.30 for UNICEF.*

Star of the Week

*Class 1: Josh for his determination in learning the days of the week.*

**Class 2: Charlotte for consistently doing the right thing and for always trying her best.**

**Class 3: Ellie for working really hard this week.**

**Class 4: Macy for her excellent focus in maths this week and quick recall of the properties and names of 3D shapes.**

**Class 5: Murphy for working hard to develop the content and presentation of all his written work.**



**Well done to the Year 6 boys who took part in a Kwik Cricket competition earlier this week.**



**Well done to Fliss who received her Swimmer of the Week award for "Super work".**

**Very well done to Alex who was awarded his Rainbow 5m swimming badge.**

**Well done to Issac who was awarded his Swimmer of the Week award for "Good push and glides on back".**

**Congratulations to Archie who received two Swimmer of the Week awards, one with the comment "Lovely long arms and high elbows".**

**Well done to Alice who was awarded her Rainbow 25m swimming badge.**

**Well done to Mary and Lewis who bought in their awards they received when they were at Little Owls Nursery.**

**Congratulations to Scott who has received a medal from Ludlow Town Crèche Football Club.**

**Well done to Callen who also received a medal from Ludlow Town Football Club and a Swimmer of the Week award with the comment "Huge improvement to your push".**

**Very well done to Drew who went horse riding for the first time this week and for which he received a rosette.**

**Well done to Matilda for bringing in and talking about her folder which contains all of her achievements and awards!**

**Very well done to Mollie who was awarded her Level 1 Learn to Swim badge.**

**Thank you to Bella who bought in some photos of her grandparents' new puppy, Meg. She helps to look after her whenever she visits.**

#### Number of the week for Class 1

**For week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June is: 8**

#### Birthdays

**This week we have celebrated the birthdays of Will B. and Martha (C1).**

#### Special menu – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June

**World Cup – Russia 2018**

**Pepperoni or ham & pineapple pizza**

**Meatballs (pork or Quorn) in a tomato sauce**

**Penne pasta, chips, beans & sweetcorn**

**Followed by:**

**World Cup muffins or football cookies**

#### Storymine

**Last week we enjoyed working with Storymine to create some ceramic door handles. More information can be found in the Gallery on our website.**



#### Governor's Corner – James Wardle

**I am a relatively recently appointed governor, as we moved to Clee Downton with our young family early last year from London. My business background is in Central London property where I spent the last 20 years as a director and head of sales of a national estate agents. Outside of work I have relatively diverse interests of sailing (I have noticed that Shropshire is a long way from the sea!) and pottery.**

I have recently completed my new governors training and have the benefit of looking at the school and board of governors with a fresh pair of eyes; in both I have found very welcoming teams with a dedicated and friendly ethos. I have been impressed with what the school is able to achieve with limited resources and have found a culture which strives for further improvement. If, as a parent or carer you have not had a chance to read through the recent Ofsted report, I would recommend a quick read, as it specifically highlights the efforts that the teaching staff and leadership team have made to create a truly caring learning environment. It is no surprise that the pupils of Bitterley School develop as friendly, well-mannered and determined individuals by example.

My role on the board is as Community Governor and Foundation Governor, and as both of our children attend Bitterley School, I guess I qualify as a parent governor too. I sit on the Standards and Resources committees and have specific responsibilities for Healthy Schools, ICT and Finance.

Healthy Schools is an area that is particularly worth a mention as it encompasses sport and since September of last year the government have made a very significant increase in their financial commitment to Primary Schools Sports Premiums. In the case of Bitterley, this has meant a doubling of the sports budget, which to date has enabled the purchase of new equipment, enhancing the sports offering in school and out of hours clubs. This development has also benefitted from the support of the PTA and TESCO appeal.

### **Ofsted April 25<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Now that the official Ofsted

Report is published on our web site and the dust has settled after half term I would like to take this opportunity to on behalf of the Governing Body to thank everyone for making it such a successful inspection. We know that we have a good and special school but it's nice to have this officially recognised by Ofsted. Phrases in the report such as;

**"The school motto, 'small school, big family', reflects the school's distinctive ethos as a caring and friendly school."**

or

**"The warm and welcoming atmosphere in the school is underpinned by a strong Christian ethos. Values such as courage, care, patience, tolerance and understanding strengthen this ethos. "**

are very powerful messages. The role of the pupils in this success was also commented on; **"Pupils' excellent behaviour makes a strong contribution to their learning. They cooperate well together in the many opportunities they are given for collaborative work."**

as also was the schools attitude towards pupils.

**"Leaders ensure that the school is highly inclusive., All staff value every pupil as an individual and are actively deployed to support pupils who have additional needs."**

As a governors we were pleased with the comments on our roles I **"Governance of the school is strategic and strong. Governors have a range of relevant skills and experience to support the work of the school. "**

Safeguarding which is so

important came out very strong **"You and your staff take safeguarding extremely seriously. Everyone understands their individual responsibility to make sure that every child is protected from harm. "**

The report did outline areas that we could improve on and these, along with our normal aspirations, will form a basis for us moving forward. We know that we cannot rest on our laurels but must strive to reach as near excellence as we can. Lastly a big thank you to parents for the very positive input you made to the online parental survey.

D. Hedgley. On behalf of the Governing Body.