



FRIDAY 6TH JULY 2018

BITTERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY 2 - 11

Dates

- 7/7/18 – Fete at Lower Court, Bitterley, 2.00pm
- 10/7/18 – Optional Parent’s Evening
- 11/7/18 – Optional Parent’s Evening
- 12/7/18 – May Madness walk
- 12/7/18 – Bitterley’s Got Talent
- 13/7/18 – Sports Day
- 18/7/18 – Year 6 Leaver’s lunch and assembly
- 18/7/18 – School disco (Yrs. 1 – 6)
- 19/7/18 – Year 6 Leaver’s church service, 10.00am
- 20/7/18 – End of term
- 3/9/18 & 4/9/18 – PD Days
- 5/9/18 – Autumn term begins
- 29/10/18 – 2/11/18 – Half term
- 5/11/18 – PD Day
- 16/11/18 – PD Day
- 20/12/18 – End of term
- 21/12/18 – 6/1/19 – Christmas holiday
- 7/1/19 – Start of spring 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 July is Celebration.

School photographs

*School photograph proofs and order forms were sent home with your child last Friday. **If you would like to place an order, please send form and payment back to school by Monday 9th July.** You can order online direct with NextGen after this date.*

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is being held on Wednesday 18th July at 3.30pm. Please contact the school office for venue. The PTA would welcome fun ideas for future fundraising events. Everyone welcome to attend.

Children’s Page

“I played with the cars outside and I made them go to the other end. They jumped over each other! I build cars from Lego”. Josh, Class 1.

“I liked doing my writing. I was finding lots of rhyming words for our poems!” Callen, Class 2.

“We went outside to find objects for a rainbow hunt”. Max, Class 3.

“In Class 5 this week we have been planning our theme park in maths and making sure we don’t go bankrupt. We have also been doing our topic posters!” Seren, Class 5.

Music lessons

Violin and guitar lessons will continue to be provided by Shropshire Music Service in the autumn term. We may also be able to commence keyboard lessons if demand is high enough. Please let Mrs Rennel or Mrs Parry know if your child would like a taster lesson in either violin, guitar or keyboard. Lessons are £8.00 per lesson, payable termly.

Number of the week for Class 1

For week commencing 9th July is: 12.

Class 4 Bake Sale

I would like to send a huge 'Thank You!' to Class 4 children and their families for cooking such a delicious selection of cakes and bakes! Another enormous 'Thank You!' to everyone who supported us, we have raised £120.50.

We will be able to adopt three animals because of your help. We have chosen a Snow Leopard, a Lorikeet and a flamingo.



Bitterley's Got Talent – Thursday 12th July

We are all getting excited about this year's Bitterley's Got Talent. On the day parents can arrive from 12.00pm. A letter was sent home with your child last week which you will need to fill in and send back to school if you are going to have a picnic with your child.

If we do not get a response by Monday 9th July, we will assume that your child will have a school dinner/packed lunch as usual. The show will start at 1.00pm. Once the show is finished, children with families there may go home.

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day is taking place on Friday 13th July. We are not asking parents to bring picnics this year as we have the BGT event the day before. Children will have an early lunch and then races start at 12.30pm. Parents are welcome to come onto the school field from 12.00pm.

As in previous years, we will be cancelling school buses on this afternoon and ask that parents/carers take their children home with them once the races have concluded. If cancelling transport raises any issues for any parents/carers, please contact the school office by Wednesday 11th July.

OOH and Nursery Fees

Due to an increase in costs, our fees for nursery and OOH Club will be increasing slightly from September.

OOH will be £2.00 per session (£4.00 per hour) for the first child. Second and subsequent sibling rates will remain the same.

Nursery fees will increase to £10.50 per session for 2 year olds and £9.00 per session for 3 year olds. Lunch club sessions will be £4.50.

Dinner money arrears

Please could we ask that all dinner money owed by parents and carers be paid by **Monday 16th July** and also dinners to be taken that week be paid for on that day. Thank you.

Governor's -end of term letter summer 2018

Whilst we know we are a good school, it is always welcoming when this view is reinforced by outside inspections. Within the last year we have had two of these with an "Outstanding" grade in the SIAMS

church-based inspection and a "Good" grade in Ofsted's inspection. The school is in a good place and has many strengths as outlined in both reports which can be accessed via the school website and we will look to not only maintain these standards but to also build on them.

The Governors came out strongly in both inspections regarding their knowledge of the school and the leadership they provided. We were at full strength, but the time has come for two of us to move on. Sara Chance, who was our longest serving Governor and who led the school as Chair of Governors through it becoming an academy is standing down this summer due to other commitments. The leadership, experience and energy she brought will be missed and we thank her for all the work she put in.

I am also standing down this summer both as Chair of Governors and as a Governor of the school but will continue to provide support to the new Chair and vice Chair of Governors if requested as a mentor. I was co-opted in as an experienced short-term replacement for Sara and to help prepare the Governing Body for Ofsted. That task is now successfully finished and even though it is hard to do, this is a good time for me to hand over the role. The Chair of Governors will be shared between Imogen Jones and Judith Roele with Jo Hastie as Vice Chair of Governors. I have complete faith in them and I know that I'm leaving the school in good hands. They will work with the Head teacher Mr Davies and Ms Jones to make sure that the new Executive Headship is a success.

It only remains to thank everyone for the work that they've put in either as Governors, staff, parents or pupils to make Bitterley the successful, warm, caring school it is. I hope you all have a lovely and well-deserved holiday.

D. Hedgley Chair of Governors

