



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Newsletter

## Outdoor Classroom Project

### A message from Bitterley Friends

As Rachel sat up late one night filling in the application form to apply for a £5,000 grant from the Calor Gas Rural Community Fund, I don't think we could have imagined what we were getting ourselves into! The amount of time, effort, heart and soul we have put into creating our project page; exploring every avenue to get our little project heard during public supporting; and the countless hours spent checking the points system and explaining the complicated process of generating those all important points!

Over 100 projects in our category made it a daunting task, but we have managed to remain in the top 20 throughout the last 5 weeks of public supporting! Given the projects we are up against this is an incredible achievement and it has been down to you! Everyone who has supported our project, liked it, shared it and talked about it.

Now we are into the last week of public supporting. We are currently sat in 20<sup>th</sup> place and are so close to a place in the final 22. But we can't get there without you! We need everyone to help, please!

If you haven't donated and feel you can donate a £1, the equivalent of a non-uniform day or uniform day if you like! Donations generate the biggest points. If 10 new users (new email or Facebook account) donated just £1 each it would generate a huge 100 points!

Check you have 'liked' the project, but please don't click the 'like' button twice as it cancels out the 1<sup>st</sup> 'like'.

Share points are low so please have another go. Check you are signed in on our page and then click the social media share symbol at the bottom of the page.

Talk to your family and friends, give them a call and check they have done it properly or talk them through the process.

Thank you so much!

Here's to the final 6 days, let's finish how we started!!!

From your BF Committee - Rachel, Hanna, Ilze and Kay





Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can see – it's your last chance to support us in the Calor Rural Communities Challenge! Please help and thank you so much to those who already have done so!

September is going to look very different as we all know. There are many questions that still need to be answered. We will inform parents of the finalised details by email in the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> August. We will have plans in place much earlier than that, but because the situation could potentially be very different in 6 weeks time, we will not publish fuller details until then. In the meantime, here are some details which we intend to implement not forgetting that everything could change! From the 2<sup>nd</sup> September buses will be running. There will be a detailed letter from Shropshire School Transport about how this will work sent out closer to the time.

Classes will be kept together in "bubbles" - when we have worked out the details of how this will work we will let you know. Please remember that school bubbles are not a precaution in the same way as hand washing. They are a way to manage swift and effective shutdowns in response to an outbreak. It is worth noting that parents will only be informed by schools of a positive COVID-19 test result once Public Health England have been in direct contact.

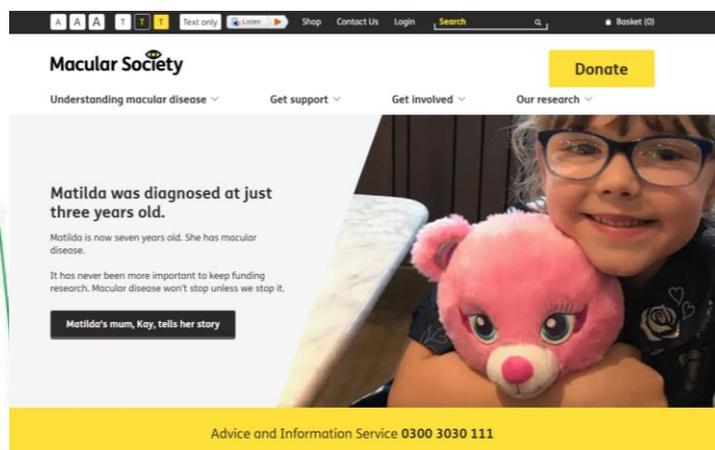
Drop off and pick up arrangements have not been decided yet because it is such a complex issue, particularly when taking into account buses. We intend to run our wrap around care (OOH Club) to support working parents and this will be held in the hall. To make this work we will attempt to maintain the class bubbles with sectioned off areas of the hall for class groups. Initially there will not be any other clubs, although we will do all that we can to get clubs running safely as soon as we can.

Use of communal areas has to be kept to a minimum and so things like whole school assemblies will not take place. Initially lunches provided by Shires Services will be available, though the options will be limited to sandwiches, wraps and possibly baked potatoes for the older age groups. These are just some details provided as a 'heads up' but again we cannot reiterate enough that all details are subject to change depending on the COVID-19 situation at the time. Many thanks for your understanding and support as we continue to pick our way through this difficult situation.

### Reminder - Matilda's Appeal

Please do take a moment to watch the video link below. Well done again to Matilda for all of her efforts.

<https://www.macularsociety.org/>



The screenshot shows the Macular Society website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Shop', 'Contact Us', 'Login', and 'Search'. Below the navigation bar, the Macular Society logo is displayed, along with a 'Donate' button. The main content area features a video player with the title 'Matilda was diagnosed at just three years old.' and a description: 'Matilda is now seven years old. She has macular disease. It has never been more important to keep funding research. Macular disease won't stop unless we stop it.' A button below the video reads 'Matilda's mum, Kay, tells her story'. At the bottom of the page, a yellow banner contains the text 'Advice and Information Service 0300 3030 111'.

