

Bitterley School Newsletter



SCHOOL DATES

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions we do not have many dates to provide you with other than the relevant term dates. Sadly it is not likely that there will be any of our usual events in school this term, but we will update you if this changes.

Half Term	26 th – 30 th October
End of Autumn Term	17 th December
Start of Spring Term	4 th January

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK!

This has certainly been the strangest start to a school year in living memory. There has been a huge amount of work that has happened behind the scenes to enable school to run as smoothly as possible. We thank everyone for their hard work and cooperation in getting all of our children back to school! Without exception all children have been pleased and enthusiastic to be back. It has been a joy to hear the laughing and general hubbub back at Bitterley School.

As you can see from the photos below children have quickly got used to the new normal back in school!



It is great to be back!

Brilliant news – Calor Rural Communities Fund success!

We are delighted to have been announced as a Calor Rural Community Fund winner in the £5,000 category. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard before the Summer Holidays to make this happen. It will enable us to build our outdoor classroom!

<https://communityfund.calor.co.uk/bsoutdoor-classroom>

Suspected COVID Cases – key symptoms

Here is a reminder of the key COVID-19 symptoms that, if observed, will result in your child being sent home to isolate and get tested.

Persistent dry cough

High temperature (37.8 °C)

Loss of taste or smell

School Bubbles

After much consideration of the practicalities of a small school layout we have decided that school will be made up of 3 key bubbles moving forward. Bubble 1 will consist of Little Acorns Class, Wondrous Willows Class and Majestic Maples Class. Bubble 2 will be Fantastic Firs Class and Bubble 3 will be Mighty Oaks Class. Please be advised that resources will be shared between children and adults in each of the classes within the EYFS Foundation Stage Unit (Little Acorns Class and Wondrous Willows Class). It will also not be possible for children to socially distance in these classes due to the needs of children of this age.

OOH Club – a message from Mr Lawrence

Please can I take this opportunity to inform everybody of changes to the booking system for OOH club. Because of COVID-19 restrictions we are only able to accommodate 6 children from each bubble at OOH club. Therefore it is important that you book your child in for sessions before the end of the week preceding the dates that you require. This includes all children whether they attend regularly or not and will need to be repeated each week.

Whilst we will be flexible with bookings outside of this time frame, once a bubble is full we will be unable to accept further bookings regardless of the overall number of children booked in. You can book your children in by email oooh@bitterley.shropshire.sch.uk or admin@bitterley.shropshire.sch.uk.

Bookings from children attending Little Acorns are welcome but bookings should be made directly with a staff member in that class. Any cancellation must be directly relayed to Mr Lawrence or the office staff and not via children.



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It has been great to see children enjoying OOH Club in bubbles this week!

PE Days

Children are now required to come dressed for PE on the day that their class has PE. There will be no changing of in school. Here are the PE days for each class:

<i>Wondrous Willows Class</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
<i>Majestic Maples Class</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
<i>Fantastic Firs Class</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
<i>Mighty Oak Class</i>	<i>Monday</i>

If a child comes to school without PE kit on we will not be able to provide them with spare kit.

Clubs

We will not run any clubs initially this term for obvious reasons. However, we do plan to start at least two clubs for children in existing bubbles in the near future if at all possible. We will update you when we are able to proceed.

Other important points to note

Almost all letters will now be emailed home.

We will email the home school agreement home. Rather than sending in a paper copy, please simply reply to the email declaring that you agree to uphold the agreement.

Lunches – Shires have asked that any payments to them be sent using a cheque if possible. The cost of a meal is £2.30 per meal.

Please remember that if your child is in Year 3, you must now pay for any school meals that are ordered.

Some parents have been seen smoking at the school gate. Please do not smoke anywhere within the vicinity of the school.

Please do not bring anything into school apart from items that are needed for school.

And finally...!

Good luck to Holly, Charlie and Ellie as they start their new school adventure! Good luck to all our 'old' Year6!



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