



# Bidbury Infant

# NEWS

## September 2022

### Welcome Back!



Welcome back to Bidbury for this new term. It has truly been a pleasure to welcome your children to school after the holidays and the start to the school year has been very positive. There have been many smiles and much laughter across each classroom as they make new friends and learn new routines. We are really looking forward to working with you to have a successful year.

We also welcome new members of our team:

- Miss Thorndyke (Senior Admin Assistant)
- Mrs Kennedy (Cleaner)
- Mrs Soltani (Breakfast Club)

### Park and Stride Week 3-7 October

During this week, we will be challenging all children to park a little further away from the school and to walk the rest of the way.

On day 1, Mrs Cook will be at the Bidbury Mead Car Park to meet you!

Please see attached information.



### Sand for Year R



A huge thank you to Dale and the team at Covers, Portsmouth for the generous and kind donation of three tonnes of play sand for our sand pit! This means the money raised by the cake sale last year can be used for other equipment! Thank you so much to Tom, (Jess's dad from Year One!) for organising this for us. We are so very grateful.

### MacMillan Coffee Morning



Friday 30th September

Children can wear *green*.

This will be held in the hall and we would welcome donations of cakes/pastries/biscuits to raise money for this worthwhile cause.

Please come along from 8:45am—10am for a coffee and a chat—the more the merrier!

Any unsold cakes will be available for sale in the playground at the end of the day.

### Attendance and Lateness

What an amazing start to the term!

Thank you for being on time and attending school every day.

### Important Dates



Please see attached 'Dates for your Diary'

### PTA

We would love to start up a new Parent Group to support us with fundraising for our children's education and experiences. If you are willing and able to help in any way at all, please let us know!

## Community Celebrations



Does your child belong to clubs outside of school where they have achieved medals/certificates?

Have they learnt to ride their bike without stabilisers for the first time?

We would love to hear about their achievements.

If you would like your child to feature in the next newsletter to share your achievements and celebrations please email your details along with photographs to:

[adminoffice@bidbury-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@bidbury-inf.hants.sch.uk)

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### Bidbury Bears

When collecting your child from Bidbury Bears After School Club, should you feel uncomfortable walking around the school, particularly when it gets darker, please call the team and someone will bring your child to the front door for you to collect.

The telephone number for Bidbury Bears is:

**07563 304504**

### Playground Equipment & Scooters

Please could you ensure children are not playing on the playground equipment before and after school whilst they wait and only walk with scooters in the playground. Thank you.

### Seesaw



“What did you do today?”

“Nothing!”

To avoid the above conversation being a daily occurrence, we are working hard behind the scenes to improve two-way communication between home and school so that you will know what your child has been learning! Mrs. Macintosh has introduced Seesaw to help with this. **Please see the information attached** to this newsletter.

### School Strategic Plan

Your children deserve the best!  
We are a school who wants to improve to be the best school we can be for your children and so we have sent home, with this newsletter, our plan for 2022-23 to show you what we will be focusing on in the coming year to move us forward.

### The Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

We have signed up to be part of the Shoe Box Appeal again this year. This is our opportunity to spread a little happiness to disadvantaged children and adults in Eastern Europe. More details to follow.

### Clothes Bank



We will soon be getting a clothes bank on our school site to support with raising funds for our children! We will keep you updated with our delivery day but please do keep your piles of clothes for us if you are sorting those wardrobes! More information to follow!

**Car Boot Sale**—Following the success of our last car boot sale, we will be arranging another to be held in our car park. More information to follow!



## Vision, Aims and Values

### *Our Vision:*

*"For all children to grow into confident, curious and resilient individuals who respectfully and positively interact with their community."*

### *Our Aims:*

- To ensure everyone stays **healthy and safe**.
- To ensure everyone feels **valued** and has a sense of **belonging**.
- To provide a learning environment which encourages **independence** and inspires **curiosity**.
- For everyone to develop **resilience** and understand making mistakes leads to **success**.
- To nurture and develop **empathy, self-awareness and self-regulation**.
- To encourage **diversity and individuality**.

### *Our New Values:*



**"Major Respect"**



**"Captain Resilience"**



**"Officer Independence"**



**"Agent Self-Regulation"**

## Behaviour at Bidbury

We have changed our strategies to promote positive behaviour.

Our new values are the focus for all our work.

Children will receive a 'Gem of the Day' certificate (replacing Star of the Day) for demonstrating one of the values.

One child per class will receive a 'Golden Gem' Certificate for demonstrating all four values that week.

The Golden Gem Achievers so far this month are:

**Emerald Class: Huxley P and Arthur O**

**Opal Class: Ossie H-D and Grace N**

**Topaz Class: Freddie M and Frankee P**

**Onyx Class: Ralph M and Brilee W**

**Congratulations!**

An information video will be on its way to you for more information about the strategies we use at school to promote positive behaviour and our new policy will soon be updated on our website once it has been approved by Governors.



The Travel Planning Team at Hampshire County Council has been working with Havant Borough Council and Bidbury Infant and Bidbury Junior School to [launch Park and Stride sites](#).

A map has also been made to help families know where the Park and Stride sites are and the routes to take to get to and from school.

**Each child will be given a map.**

We want pupils/families to walk/wheel, cycle, scoot, use public transport or Park and Stride to school!

**Please check out the routes, have a practise, and remember it is your responsibility to ensure you're happy**

that the route is safe for you and your child and their abilities.

### What is a Park and Stride?

Park and Stride means driving part of the way to school, parking, then walking/wheeling or scooting the rest of the way.

There are lots of benefits to a Park and Stride but the main one being:

**Park and Strides help make the area around the school gate less busy and safer and improve the air quality!!!!**

### Where are the sites?

Please see the map your child will receive for locations.

You can also use the QR code on the maps to go to the website and zoom in on specific areas.

### Competition:

Pupils will be given an Active Travel Challenge Card to complete during the week **3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022**.

Pupils record how they travel to and from school each day.

At the end of the week, pupils add up the score and swap their points for raffle tickets to enter our prize draw!

### Prizes:

#### Prize Draw:

Love to Shop voucher £20!!!!!!

### Bonus Prizes:

We will select a family who has used the challenge week to kick start a change in their travel to school mode – travelling actively as much as possible. The prize will be a family ticket to Butser Ancient Farm!

There will be a small prize for everyone who uses the Bidbury Mead Park and Strides on launch day morning – **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October!!!**

[myjourneyhampshire.com/schooltravelprojects](http://myjourneyhampshire.com/schooltravelprojects)

Points	Walk / Wheeling to/from journey to school	Scoot to/from journey to school	Bike to/from journey to school	Scoot from the Boot	Park and Stride the last 5-10 minutes to/from school (at least 1 mile away)	Bus or Train	Car Share	Car to/from school	Bonus points to be added to total (see terms and conditions on back of card)
Monday	10	10	10	8	8	8	2	1	6
Tuesday									
Wednesday									
Thursday									
Friday									
<b>Weekly Totals</b>									
<b>Grand Total for Week</b>									

Keep up to date with us on social media  
 @myjourneyhants  
 @myjourneyhants  
 myjourneyhampshire.com

Scan this QR code to view the Park and Stride map online!

## Dates for your Diary Autumn 2022

MacMillan Coffee Morning—Children to wear green	<b>Friday 30th September</b>	* More information to follow
Park and Stride Week	<b>Wb 3 October</b>	See this newsletter for more information
Parents' Evenings	<b>Wb 17th October</b>	* More information to follow
HALF TERM	<b>Wb 24 October</b>	
INSET Day— School Closed for Children	<b>31st October</b>	
Children return to school	<b>Tuesday 1st November</b>	
Maths Workshop for Parents (All Year Groups)	<b>7th November</b>	* More information to follow
Year R Parents' Reading Showcase	<b>14th November</b>	* More information to follow

## **New Year R Open Days 2022-2023**

Tuesday 27th September @ 9:30am

Monday 10th October @ 1:30pm

Friday 21st October @ 9:30am

Thursday 3rd November @ 1:30pm

Wednesday 9th November @ 9:30am

Tuesday 22nd November @ 1:30pm

Monday 5th December @ 1:30pm

(Please call the office to book your place on one of the open days: 02392 483336)

## **Inset Days 2022-2023**

(No school for children)

Monday 31st October 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

Thank you to all the parents that have handed in their consent form for our new learning platform - Seesaw. If you haven't yet, please hand this in as soon as possible as we are unable to share your child's learning without your consent. By the end of the week, you will have an email from Seesaw asking you to create an account. See below the step by step guide on how to do this. We will be starting to use Seesaw to showcase learning from Monday onwards. Link for the newsletter: <https://web.seesaw.me/families>



**Seesaw is where your child's learning lives.**  
It's where home-school communication lives.  
All in one place! Let's get you connected.



## Steps to Connect

Look for a **printed, email, or text** invite and follow instructions!



- 1 Download the **Seesaw app** or go to **app.seesaw.me** on a computer
- 2 Click **'I'm a Family Member'**
- 3 **Printed Invites:** Scan the QR code  
**Text/Email Invites:** Click the link
- 4 Follow the prompts to **create an account** or **sign in**

## How to Use Seesaw

 Mrs. Garcia Family			
Adjust <b>Account Settings</b> and connect to Seesaw Journals for additional children	View and engage with <b>all recent posts</b> from all of your children using Seesaw	View posts from <b>one child or class</b> (vs. all recent posts in the Home tab)	<b>Use Messages to Communicate</b> with teachers

**Connected family members see only their own child's learning**  
[Learn more at web.seesaw.me/privacy](https://web.seesaw.me/privacy)



## Henry's Library



We are proud to have officially opened 'Henry's Library' and children are now visiting weekly to choose and borrow lovely books to read at home. We decided to dedicate the library after one of our special children who sadly died earlier this year.

