



Bidbury Infant

NEWS

January 2023

Welcome Back—Happy New Year!

Happy 2023!

Hope it has begun positively for you all and the year ahead is happy and healthy for everyone.

We are looking forward to another term of fun-filled events for our children and families.

Parking



Please park considerately and give thought to pedestrians on our school site. The car park should not be used for drop offs/pick ups.

Therefore, the car park is now not in use during the following times:

8:45am-9:10am

2:50pm-3:15pm

Please also avoid parking and turning on the approach road.

Pets on School Grounds



Please note that Bailey is insured to be on school site and there are risk assessments for him. The school does not have insurance for other animals and so please do not bring pets to school. Any animals who come to collect their little family members from school should wait outside of the main drive gates.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Highest Attendance for December



The class with the highest attendance for December was:

TOPAZ Class—92.4%

Well done, Topaz!

Teacher Strikes

As you may have seen in the media, the National Education Union (NEU) have announced that its ballot of teacher members in England has met the thresholds required to commence industrial action. They have announced the following dates:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Thursday 2 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

As you know, the safety and wellbeing of our children is our top priority so either we will be able to continue with the school day as normal or, if there are not enough staff to safely have children on site, we will undertake a partial school closure for some year groups or full closure for all year groups. We will keep you updated with any further important information that arises. Please note, this decision may be made on the day of the strike. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me or a member of our senior leadership team. Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time.

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Community Celebrations



Congratulations, Charlie on achieving 'Man of the Match' on his first game after Christmas! Go, Charlie!!

We are very proud of you!

Have you succeeded in achieving something outside of school recently? Perhaps a swimming certificate or a football trophy? We would love to hear about your achievements so we can add them to our next newsletter! Send in a photo and a brief explanation of your achievement to:

adminoffice@bidbury-inf.hants.sch.uk

Community Coffee Morning

Thank you to those who attended the Coffee Morning on Wednesday. It was really successful and feedback was positive. The next Coffee Morning will be held on the 29th March at Havant Rugby Club from 9:30am. We look forward to seeing you there!

School Applications

If you have a child in Year 2, please make sure you have submitted your application for Junior School.

Attendance

Please note the gates close at 8:55am. After this, your child will be marked as late. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time to learn with their friends. Thank you!

School Vacancies

We have the following vacancies advertised on Hants Web:

[Teacher](#)

[Teaching Assistant](#)

Contact Details

To ensure we have the most up to date emergency contact details on file for your child and your family, please let us know of any changes to the information we hold. Thank you.

Belongings from Home

This is a gentle reminder that we do not allow children to bring toys to school unless they are asked specifically to do so.

This is so that we can avoid potential upset should belongings get broken or lost.

Please also note that watches with cameras are not permitted in school.

Thank you for your support.

Our Golden Gems

Our new values of **Resilience, Respect, Independence** and **Self-Regulation** are the focus for all our work.

Children receive a 'Gem of the Day' certificate 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 for **December** were:

Emerald Class: **Jesse-Lee W** and **Amelia R**

Opal Class: **Lawson W** and **Billy C**

Topaz Class: **Ben J** and **Jaxon E**

Onyx Class: **Freddie G** and **Josh F**

Congratulations!

Inset Days 2022-2023

(No school for children)

Friday 21st July 2023

Dates for your Diary Spring 2023

2nd February	Bernardo's Workshop 10am—School Readiness*
6th-10th February	Children's Mental Health Week
8th February	Safer Internet Day
13th-17th February	Half Term
28th February	Drama 4 All Workshops
6th-10th March	Parents' Evenings*
13th-17th March	Science Week
17th March	Red Nose Day*
24th March	National Skipping Day*
29th March	Community Coffee Morning at Havant Rugby Club*
31st March	Last day of term
3rd March—14th April	Easter Holidays

* Details to follow