



May 2023

# Bidbury Infant

NEWS

## Highest Attendance for March/April

The class with the highest attendance for  
March was:

**Onyx Class—97%**

and April was:

**Emerald Class—98%**

Well done, Onyx and Emerald!



Having been inspired by the Year Two children taking part in keeping our environment free of litter, Arthur in Year One helped to send an email to Hampshire County Council to ask for a set of litter pickers for our school.

A free set of litter pickers arrived at Bidbury this month!

Thank you for your donation, Hampshire County Council and thank you, Arthur for showing how much you care about our community!

## Celebrating Learning at Bidbury

### In Year R...



Diamond and Ruby Class took a trip out for the day to Tuppenny Barn!

They had a wonderful, sunny day exploring nature and nurturing positive mental health.



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**In Year One...** The children had a great time learning new sporting skills from their visitor, GB heptathlon athlete, Katie Stainton!



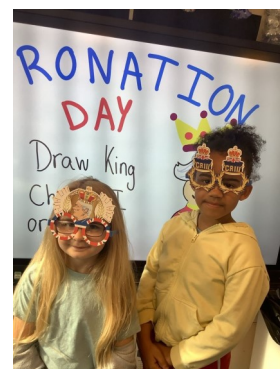
Busy counting in fives to help 'Supertato' reach space!



**In Year Two...**



Coronation fun! Crown craft and picnic to celebrate the King's Coronation



We tasted different foods for our healthy wraps! We then designed our own wrap to be sent out to schools across the country. We had to make sure it was balanced and healthy.



## GB Athlete Visit & Irish Dancing

On Friday 5th May, we were lucky to have a visit from the heptathlon athlete, Katie Stainton! Katie competed with Team England for the 2018 Commonwealth Games and was British Champion in 2021! Her determination and resilience following a knee injury, is an inspiration to us all! The children from all year groups were taught new skills by Katie including javelin, relay and the hurdles. They had a fun day and learnt much from her.



Thank you, Katie Stainton!

## King's Coronation

Friday 5th May was a busy day—alongside taking part in sport, we exercised our creative skills and had fun with Coronation crafts! We made crowns, place mats for our picnic, bunting and flags.



We listened to music and danced in the playground before the rain came down—leading to our indoor picnic.

We hope you had a great Bank Holiday Weekend of celebrations at home.

## Thank you

A huge thank you to Goodwillies and Covers for kindly donating £200 worth of wood to our school! This will be used to build planters for our allotment ready for the children to use. With schools suffering such budget restraints at this time, it is kind donations like this which enable us to provide these outdoor experiences for our children.



## Drinks in School



Please only send unflavoured water to school in the children's drinks bottles. Water will be available for all children at lunchtime. If your child has a medical reason which requires them to be provided with an alternative to water, please share medical evidence with the school office. Thank you for your co-operation.

## School Staff

We would like to officially welcome Miss Wilson to our team.

Miss Wilson is now the class teacher for Opal Class.

In September, we welcome Miss Rooney to our Year R team. Miss Rooney is an experienced Early Years teacher and we know she will bring with her lots of exciting new ideas and fun learning opportunities.

Mrs. Gurung will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to join her new school in Basingstoke.

We have loved working with her as our colleague and friend and wish her all the very best for her future.

Thank you for the years of excellent education, fun, love and care you have given to the many children you have taught over the years.

We will miss you!



We also welcome Kim Biddell as our new cleaner—thank you for joining our team to keep our school healthy and safe for all our children, staff and visitors.

## PLEASE COME TO OUR SCHOOL ART GALLERY!

The children are very excited to let you know that they will be holding a whole school Art Gallery Day in the school hall on Wednesday 7th June.

The children will visit, with their class, throughout the school day, to see their own work professionally mounted, framed, catalogued and displayed for all their friends and family at school to see.

The children would also like to invite you to come and look at their work on:

**Wednesday 7th June**

**From 2:50pm to 3:45pm**

Your child's framed picture will be available for sale, supporting school fund-raising, providing you with an opportunity to take home a lasting memento, or perhaps a gift for a family member. Copies can also be ordered for other members of family or friends.

Each masterpiece will cost £10 and will help to raise funds for our school.

There is no obligation to buy, so please help make this event special by dropping in between the times shown. We know it will be a very happy occasion for everyone.

Purchased masterpieces will be sent home the following day with any copies purchased the following week.

### CAN'T MAKE IT?

If you are unable to make it to the exhibition, but would like to purchase your child's framed artwork, a letter will come home separate to this newsletter for you to complete and return before the exhibition.



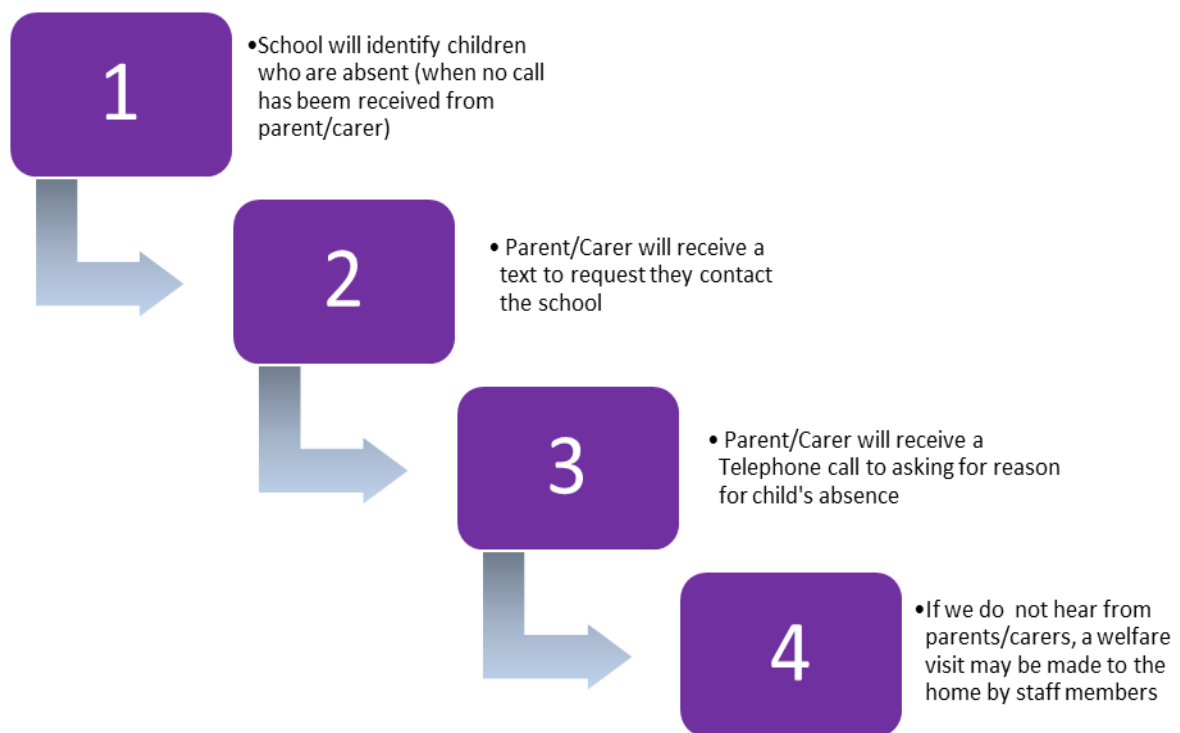
## Absence Procedure

Please see below our school procedure for managing children's absence each day.

We monitor attendance daily and monthly to make sure children's education is not hindered and that everyone is kept safe.

It is important that we hear from you on the morning of your child's absence if you have not already informed us that your child will not be in school.

We worry about your little ones if they are not in school when we are expecting them and will consider the situation a safeguarding concern if we have not heard from you.



Regardless of whether an absence is authorised or unauthorised, it is important that we receive a 'Request for Leave of Absence' form for any planned absence such as wedding or family holiday.

## 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 **March and April** were:

***Diamond:*** Zayd M

***Ruby:*** Nell J

***Emerald:*** Kobie R, Casper L, Faith W, Jess O, Angel M, Owen P

***Opal:*** Henry H, Ernie D, Aria W, Blake G, Amelia B, Autumn L

***Topaz:*** Hugo M, Ryan C, Lawson H, George C, Keagan M-R, Coby W

***Onyx:*** Megan J, Casey J, Victoria V, Aisha M, Vaiga N, Ralph M

**Congratulations!**

### Arriving Late—

If you arrive after the classroom doors close in the morning, please bring your child to the hall door to sign in, where a member of staff will be there to greet you and to register the lunch choice.

Thank you

### Medicines—

Please ensure all medicines brought to the school office are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you

## Inset Days 2022-2023

(No school for children)

Friday 21st July 2023

## Community Celebrations



March 2023

Henry in Onyx Class won 3rd place for his 5 kick combo in Martial Arts!

Well done, Henry!



Congratulations, Ashton on achieving Level 2 in Gymnastics!



Well done Owen for achieving player of the month for Horndean Hawks!



Well done, Ellie for graduating from Level 3 in Swimming!



Well done, Jamie for scoring 5 goals for his team, Pirates—and winning Man of the Match!





## Dates for your Diary Summer 2023

15th-19th May	Walk to School Week
Thursday 25th May	Year One visit to the Church
Thursday 25th May	Time to Share Session after school
30th May-2nd June	HALF TERM
Wednesday 7th June	Art Exhibition—School Hall 2:50pm—3:45pm*
12th-16th June	Year One Phonics Screening
Tuesday 13th June	New Year R Parent Meeting 5:30pm—Hall
Wednesday 14th June	Bidbury Community Coffee Morning*— Emotion Coaching at Havant Rugby Club 9:30am
Thursday 22nd June	New Year R Teddy Bear Picnic 10:45am—Junior Field
Thursday 29th June	Sports Day ( <i>Reserve Day Monday 3rd July</i> )
Friday 30th June	New Year R Songs and Rhymes Sessions
Wednesday 5th July	Transition Day—Move to new year groups
Friday 7th July	End of Year Reports out to parents
Tuesday 18th July	Year 2 Leavers' Production*
Thursday 20th July	LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 21st July	INSET day

\* Details to follow