



July 2023

Bidbury Infant

NEWS

Highest Attendance for June/July

The class with the highest attendance for
June/July was:

Emerald Class—96%



Well done, Emerald!

Goodbye to Miss Soriano

At the end of this year, Miss Soriano will be moving on to work at her new school in Portsmouth. We want to thank her for all she has done for our children and for being such a fabulous, professional and fun colleague to work with.

Thank you especially for teaching us how to Salsa this year!



Celebrating Bidbury

On this last newsletter of the 2022-2023 academic year, and my first full year of being your Headteacher, I would just like to say how proud I am feeling right now.

I have read every child's end of year report and had tears of happiness in my eyes as I read how much the children have grown into the most incredible little people, who have become confident, independent and resilient. They are a true credit to each of you as parents and carers. Their progress has been phenomenal and they are absolutely ready for the next stage of their learning journey.

Thank you to all of you, the families, for your support and kind words through another year. There are always challenges for but we are far more able to overcome these with you by our side, working together to achieve the best for your children.

Thank you to our governors who have continued to support and challenge us to make sure we are always forward thinking and have a clear and ambitious vision for all our children to receive the highest quality of education. This we have welcomed Mrs. Helen Glover as our new Chair of Governors and Ms Kerrie Harvey as our new Vice-Chair.

Last but not least, a huge **thank you** to all of our colleagues at Bidbury Infant. It is a privilege to work with you. Your kindness, understanding, dedication and determination for every child to succeed is inspirational. Please make sure you enjoy a well-deserved break with your families!

Mrs Cook

Celebrating Learning at Bidbury—SPORTS DAY!!!!

WOW! WOW! WOW! ... Bidbury Infants Sports Day was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came along and supported their children and to those who took part! Children, parents and the staff team had a fabulous day! Well done, everyone!



Requesting Days out of School

We can only authorise absences for exceptional circumstances.

We are receiving an increasing number of requests for absence for family holidays and the majority of these are not authorised. Therefore, if such absence is 5 days or more in 100 days, we have to issue a penalty notice to parents. The fine is £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Schools do not receive the fines parents pay, the money goes directly to Hampshire County Council.

Please note: should a request for under 5 days holiday coincide with absence due to sickness, we will request evidence of holiday travel dates and/or sickness absence.

Ice-Creams for sale:

Ice Creams will be on sale outside the school office daily from Tuesday 18th July after school, costing between 50p and £2. Thank you to Northney Ice-creams for providing the ice-cream and freezer! All profits will go towards the school to enrich learning opportunities.

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.

Message from Hampshire Libraries

Tomorrow is the big day! The start of the Summer Reading challenge 2023 in Hampshire Libraries.

Ready, Set, Read! begins on Saturday 15 July and you can sign up in your local library. The theme this year has a focus on sports with a range of lovely characters, just like Naveen!

All you need to do is read 6 books over the Summer holidays, receive collector card stickers, a medal and certificate on completion, all from the library.





Well done, Jayden in Emerald Class, for competing in the Race for Life this year and raising £85!



You Superstar!



Hello Aden,

Waterlooville junior parkrun results for event #329. Your time was 00:17:57.



Hello Isaac,

Waterlooville junior parkrun results for event #329. Your time was 00:11:47.

Congratulations, Isaac in Onyx class, along with your little brother Aden! You achieved your Personal Bests! Amazing Sunday effort at the Park Run, boys! Well done.

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

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www.havantlottery.co.uk
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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for terms & conditions.
Enter by 24/06/2023.



Please buy as many tickets as you can to support our fund-raising pot

Measles

- The latest UKHSA health protection data shows there has been a rise in measles cases.
- Between 1 January and 20 April this year, there have been 49 cases of measles compared to 54 cases in the whole of 2022. Most of the cases have been in London, although there have been cases picked up across the country and some are linked to travel abroad.

Please could this be added to any end of term newsletters.

With cases of measles on the rise in the UK and across the world, Hampshire County Council is reminding young adults - as well as their parents - about the importance of catching up with the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine or other vaccines, ahead of any summer travel and festival plans.

Councillor Liz Fairhurst, Hampshire County Council's Cabinet Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health said: "Due to the pandemic, some people may have missed getting their routine vaccines and are not fully protected, which puts them at risk of catching and spreading serious illnesses. We strongly urge Hampshire residents to take this opportunity to check they're up to date with their vaccines before their summer holidays or attending any festivals. Vaccination not only protects someone's health but also helps prevent the spread of diseases within our communities."

"Many young people might not be aware that they've missed out on important vaccinations and that's where parents and carers can help. Having a conversation with a young adult about the importance of vaccination can help protect them, especially if they're about to mix with large numbers of people at events or while travelling. If you're unsure if your own or your child's vaccinations are up to date, contact your GP Practice to find out."

As a reminder, some of the vaccines that young people should have had by age 14 include:

- Vaccines that protect against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, and whooping cough. These are given at various points throughout childhood, with a booster given in school year nine.
- The MMR vaccine - two doses of which should be given by the time a child starts school but can be provided at any point thereafter if any doses are missed. This vaccine protects against three diseases: measles, mumps and rubella.
- Meningitis vaccines, which include the Meningitis B, HiB/Meningitis C and Meningitis ACWY vaccine. The last of these is given to children who are in school years nine and 10.
- The HPV vaccine, which helps protect against cancers caused by the human papillomavirus and is given to both boys and girls at 12 to 13 years of age.

It is never too late to get vaccinated. If anyone has missed one or both doses of the MMR jab, or any of the other routine childhood vaccinations, they should contact their GP practice to book an appointment – or to check which they might have missed.

Further information about vaccinations can be found on the [NHS website](#).

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 **June** were:

Diamond: Arman M, Phoebe V-D, Ellie P, Ronnie H

Ruby: Ellie W-B, Layla C, Olive C, Ashton F

Emerald: Oakley H, Poppy H, Olivia C, Louis D

Opal: Jan P, Ava S, Maci-Lee S, Alexa N

Topaz: Lily-Grace G, Rosie-May B, Jamie M, Kaden H

Onyx: Ana H, Henry R, Isla C, Star P

Congratulations!

Job Vacancy Breakfast Club Assistant

We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated person to join our team as a Breakfast Club Assistant. This is a permanent position, starting as soon as possible!

- 2.5 hours per week
- Hours of work: 7:30am – 8:45am, Monday and Friday (1.25 hours per day)
- Term time only – 39 weeks per year (44.48 weeks, with holiday entitlement included)

- Scale C – FTE £21,190 - £22,215 (actual pro-rated £1225.32 – £1284.48)

For an application pack please ask Sarah Keegan in the School Office.

Closing date: 21 July 2023 Interview date: TBC Safer recruitment Bidbury

Infant School and Hampshire County Council are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.

Bidbury Bears Breakfast/After School Club

New Terms and Conditions and Costings for September 2023 can now be found on our school website.

(Please note the £1 rise for each session)

Dates for your Diary Summer 2023

Monday 17th July	Year 2 Leavers' Event
Tuesday 18th July	Year 2 Leavers' Production
Thursday 20th July	LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 21st July	INSET day

Dates for your Diary Autumn 2023

Thursday 1st September	INSET day
Friday 2nd September	INSET day
Monday 5th September	Children in Year 1 and 2 return to school
Tuesday 19th September	Year R Learning Workshop 5:30pm
Wednesday 27th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning*
16th-20th October	Parents' Evenings*
23rd-27th October	HALF TERM

* Details to follow

Inset Days 2023-2024

(No school for children)

Friday 1st September 2023
 Tuesday 2nd January 2024
 Monday 19th February 2024
 Monday 22nd July 2024

Open Days for Parents of New Entrants 2024

Thursday 14th September 10:00am
 Wednesday 20th September 2:00pm
 Tuesday 26th September 9:30am
 Monday 9th October 2:00pm
 Friday 20th October 9:30am
 Thursday 2nd November 1:30pm
 Wednesday 8th November 9:30am
 Tuesday 21st November 1:30pm
 Monday 4th December 1:30pm