



September 2023

Bidbury Infant



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school from all of us at Bidbury!

It has been wonderful to see the children coming through the doors so enthusiastically each morning as the new school year begins. Thank you, as ever, for ensuring they are smart and in uniform with smart shoes that they love to show off to us—but the uniform is really topped off with those fabulous smiles!

Our new Year R children are visiting us this week in readiness for their first full day on Monday 18th September! They all look more than ready and are running in to greet their new friends. We are going to have a great year! If, as a parent, you are feeling a little apprehensive about your little person starting school this year, please be assured we will care for them as we would care for our own children and we are always here if you need a listening ear!

Staffing News

This year, we welcome to the team, two new teachers - Miss Rooney in Year R and Miss Allen in Year Two. It's already great to work with you both!

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year to support our children demonstrate our values of: **Respect, Resilience, Independence and Self-Regulation!**

Community Coffee Mornings



Continuing on from last year, we will be holding Community Coffee Mornings at the Havant Rugby Club. We welcome guests to each session providing a supportive and informative space for all our families. Come along to meet other families for coffee and a chat!

Wednesday 20th September 9am -11:00am—Primary Behaviour Support

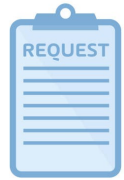
Wednesday 22nd November 9:00am-11:00am—Family Support Service—Back to Basics

Macmillan Coffee Morning



We will be holding a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan on Wednesday 27th September. This will be held in the school hall. All cake donations will be gratefully received! Thank you!

Requesting Days out of School



We can only authorise absences for exceptional circumstances.

We are receiving 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.

Time to Share Sessions

Time to share sessions are opportunities for all our families to come into classrooms at the end of the school day to see what the children have been learning. You are invited to join us on the following dates this year:

Thursday 30th November 2023

Thursday 8th February 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

Thursday 23rd May 2024

Please come along on these dates so your child can show off how hard they've been working!

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.

Seesaw App

If you have not done so already, please log in to the Seesaw app.

You will receive notifications from your child's teacher to show you all they have been learning in their class. This is also the place you will receive messages from the teacher about upcoming events and important information.



Seesaw is the best place for two-way communication!

Our Golden Gems



Our 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.

We look forward to sharing with you the names of those children who have achieved these certificates each month.

Individual Photographs

On the first day back to school after the October half term, 'Yellow' will be returning to take individual photographs of your child for you to purchase online.

Children, make sure that hair is brushed and those teeth cleaned to capture your best smile!



Parents Evenings

Between the 16th and the 20th October, you will have opportunities to speak with your child's class teacher about how they have settled into their new classes. We will again be offering face to face meetings or telephone conversations—whichever works best for you. Look out for communication via Teachers 2 Parents on how you can book your slot!

Community Celebrations



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

Year 2 Plea for Help

Year 2 are creating a new display to celebrate reading and are on the hunt for photographs of readers in unusual places! Where could you capture your family members reading their favourite text? The wilder the better!

The Year Two team can't wait to see the pictures! Thank you in advance.



Polite Reminder: No children are permitted to climb on the play equipment in the playground before and after school. They must be supervised by staff only. Please respect the notice positioned on the fence by the equipment. Thank you for your co-operation.

Personal Belongings in School



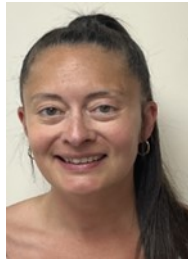
Please note that no personal belongings are permitted in school to prevent loss or damage.

Staff Spotlight

Each month, we will be introducing our team so you always know who to come to for advice and support.

This month the spotlight is on...

Hi, I'm Mrs Quehan. I'm the Assistant Headteacher and English Lead here at Bidbury. I started my teaching career in 2008 and my passions are English and Music. I teach piano and love to sing! I am also a mad cat lady and currently care for 4 cats. I have two grown up daughters who I love to spend time with at the weekends.



Hello, I'm Mrs Thumwood, I am the Home School Link Worker and I have been at Bidbury for 14 years. I was previously a Learning Support Assistant but now love my role supporting families and the Bidbury community, also leading the Family Links Programme every Friday. I have two grown up children who still keep me busy!



Hi, I'm Mrs Keegan. I'm the School Admin Manager. I joined the school in 2020 after a long career as a Senior Project Editor for a publishing company. I love gardening, spending time outdoors with my family and walking my two dogs. I love being part of Bidbury Infant School, the children make me smile everyday!



Hello, I'm Miss Thorndyke. I work in the office as the Senior Admin Assistant and I've been at Bidbury since 2022. I have worked in schools for 6 years and I'm thoroughly enjoying my job! I have two teenage boys who I adore and who keep me on my toes. I love gardening and walking my bulldog, Boston.



Fundraising for a Good Cause

Charlie, a pupil of ours last year, is raising funds for a fantastic cause as a thank you for the care given to him when he needed it most.

We are so proud of you, Charlie— we will be cheering you on!

Please read below (from the Just Giving page) and click [here](#) to make a donation.



Story

Southampton hospital have cared for both Bernie and Charlie at points throughout their childhood.

Charlie suffered a stroke in June 2022, and was taken to Southampton hospital where he was cared for and underwent surgery.

Barnie was born with a heart defect and has been cared for by Southampton hospital since he was 6 weeks old, he also underwent heart surgery aged 2 at Southampton.

Both of these boys and us as their parents cannot thank them enough for what they have done for our families, and the boys just wanted to take part in this run to raise some money and give a little back to this amazing hospital!

Any donations are massively appreciated!

At Southampton Hospitals Charity, we bring people together to raise life-changing funds for University Hospital Southampton – the South Coast’s leading healthcare provider. From specialist services to pioneering research, our incredible supporters enhance care, experience and outcomes for thousands of patients every year. With your help, we can create an impact that lasts for generations - Let’s transform care, together.

Reading at home with your child...

Your child will bring home three books. One is for your child to read to you and is a phonics book (Read Write Inc). It has been carefully chosen so that they can work out all the words. The other two are library books and will have words your child may not be able to read yet. It is for you to read to your child and talk about together.



How to read a story to your child

If you can find the time beforehand, read the read-aloud book to yourself first, so you can think about how you're going to read it to your child.

On the first reading:

- Make reading aloud feel like a treat. Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so you can both see the book.
- Show curiosity about what you're going to read: 'This book looks interesting. It's about an angry child. I wonder how angry he gets...'
- Read through the whole story the first time without stopping too much. Let the story weave its own magic.
- Read with enjoyment. If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.

Read favourite stories over and over again. On later readings:

- Let your child pause, think about and comment on the pictures.
- If you think your child did not understand something, try to explain: 'Oh! I think what's happening here is that...'
- Chat about the story and pictures: 'I wonder why she did that?'; 'Oh no, I hope she's not going to...'; 'I wouldn't have done that, would you?'
- Link the stories to your own family experiences: 'This reminds me of when ...'
- Link stories to others that your child knows: 'Ah! Do you remember the dragon in? Do you remember what happened to him?'
- Encourage your child to join in with the bits they know.
- Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
- Avoid telling children that reading stories is good for them.

The question stems on the following page should be helpful to you when reading with your child to check understanding.

EYFS/Early readers question prompts



KS1 Question prompts

Questions to ask before you read

- Can you look at the pictures and predict what you think will happen in this book?
- What makes you think that?
- What characters do you think might be in our story?
- Do you think there will be a problem in this story? Why or why not?
- Does the topic/story relate to you or your family? How?

Questions to ask during the reading

- What do you think will happen next?
- What can you tell me about the story so far?
- Can you predict how the story will end?
- Why do you think the character did _____?
- What would you have done if you were the character?
- How would you have felt if you were the character? (use different characters)
- As I read _____, it made me picture _____ in my head. What pictures do you see in your head?
- As you read, what are you wondering about?
- Can you put what you've just read in your own words?

Family

Links

Come and Find Out

HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF FAMILY LIFE



We will be running the 10-week Nurturing Programme for Parents starting

Friday 22nd September 2023

The Course will be held at Barncroft Primary School 09:30am - 11:30am
Refreshments provided.

For further info contact:

Lynda Burgess at Barncroft 023 9248 2331 or 07929 87602
Sarah Thumwood at Bidbury 023 9248 3336

Dates for your Diary Autumn 2023

Tuesday 19th September	Year R Learning Workshop 5:30pm
Wednesday 20th September	Community Coffee Morning
Wednesday 27th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thursday 28th September	Time to Share Session after school
Wednesday 4th October	Flu Vaccinations for Year 2
Thursday 5th October	Flu Vaccinations for Year R and Year 1
Thursday 5th October	Year 2 School Trip—Titanic Museum
Tuesday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
16th-20th October	Parents' Evenings*
23rd-27th October	HALF TERM
Monday 30th October	Individual Photographs
13th-17th October	Anti-Bullying Week*
Wednesday 22nd November	Community Coffee Morning

* Details to follow

Inset Days 2023-2024

(No school for children)

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Open Days for Parents of New Entrants 2024

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

Please call to book a visit!