



Bidbury Infant



April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the new Interim Executive Headteacher of Bidbury Infant School and Bidbury Junior School.



I have had a fabulous first two weeks meeting the children and working alongside a team of very dedicated and enthusiastic staff. From the moment I first visited Bidbury Infant School, I found everybody to be very welcoming. It is clear the school is greatly valued in our local community and I am very proud and tremendously excited to join this unique school.

I realise that any new Headteacher is a big change for a school and its community and so I wanted to tell you a little bit about myself. In all, I have worked in education for 28 years, teaching in several schools and also supporting schools as a local authority adviser. I have been a headteacher for the past 9 years. As some of you may know, I have been the Headteacher at Bidbury Junior School for the last two years. Before this I was the Headteacher of Gurnard Primary School on the Isle of Wight.

I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. I am excited at the potential to develop new opportunities for the Infant School and the Junior School to work together to share ideas to support the children's learning.

I look forward to working very closely with the children, families, teachers and governors to build upon the many strengths that the school already has and to continue to develop Bidbury as a happy and successful school.

Miss Hicks

We have a very exciting announcement...

Miss Wilson and her partner are expecting their first baby, due in October. Miss Wilson will be with Opal Class until they finish in July and is planning to return to us after the Summer holidays before beginning her maternity leave. We all wish you both the best as new parents!



Community Coffee Morning

The next Community Coffee Morning is

Wednesday 15th May 2024

at Havant Rugby Club from 9am

Come along to meet other families for an informal chat.



Highest Attendance

The class with the highest attendance so far this year is:

Well done, **Opal Class!**

PCSO

Just before Easter Year R had a visit from PCSOs. They talked about stranger danger, people who are safe to talk to, and how police officers keep us safe. The children loved asking questions to find out more!



CM Sports

We are very pleased to welcome back coaches from the CM Sports team for the Summer term. Up until last year all, of our PE sessions were led by this CM Sports and they are currently leading one weekly PE session for your child in preparation for Sports Day!

Big Me Day!

We will be taking part in 'Big Me Day' on Friday 7th June to support the charity 'ActionAid'. On this day children should come to school dressed as the job role they want to be when they grow up. Please help your child to choose suitable clothing; for example, an apron for a chef, a football kit for a premier league player, a hairbrush for a hairdresser or a name badge for a teacher! If you would like to get involved in our careers morning from 9-11am we would love to hear you speak about your job - please contact Miss Cook in the school office.

We are asking for a £2 minimum donation which can be brought to school on the day. This will go towards our donation to ActionAid. It will also be used to contribute towards an exciting surprise for the children we have planned...

Little City is a completely mobile play city. The benefits of role play are endless and we absolutely love that we are able to bring something unique and different into schools in such a fun and engaging way.

We look forward to seeing your costumes!



Our Golden Gems



Our values of **Resilience, Respect, Independence, Self-Regulation, Focus and Boundaries** are at the centre of 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 each week.

Congratulations to the following children for earning their Golden Gem in **March**:

Diamond— Spencer

Ruby— Jude

Emerald— Alfie C

Opal— Posey

Topaz— Riley H

Onyx— Edward

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

Thursday 23rd May 2024

Thursday 18th July 2024

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

Bidbury Preschool



Funded and non-funded Spaces available for 2,3 and 4 year-olds
Caring and friendly preschool located within Bidbury Infants School

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For an application form please call: 023924171472 or find us on Facebook

Confirmed INSET DAYS 2024—2025

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st July 2025 and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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.....

"I'm Mrs Giles and I have been at Bidbury for 10 years. I'm a higher level teaching assistant based in Year 1, but I teach PE to all 3 year groups which is lovely because I get to know all the children in the school.



My husband and I love walking in the countryside and exploring new places in our little caravan."

"Hi, I'm Miss Bridger and I am a midday supervisor. I also work in Year R and have been at Bidbury for nearly 6 years.



In my spare time I like to spend time with friends and family, go to music concerts and I enjoy visiting new places with my 2 boys."

"Hello, my name is Mrs Errington. I've worked at Bidbury Infants for just over a year as a learning support assistant in Years 1 and 2. I also work in Treasure Island 3 days a week.



At home I'm a busy mum of three boys, aged 16, 14 and 5 years old and I love spending time with them and my two dogs, Lola and Rex."

"Hi, I'm Mrs Jarvis and I have worked at Bidbury Infants for over 20 years as a lunchtime supervisor. The children will also know me as breakfast club manager.



When my own children were little they came to this school and now that they are grown up, I am a Nanny to 4 wonderful grandchildren. I love spending my spare time with them, going on family walks along the beach and swimming."



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

Amelie, from Emerald Class, performed Peter Pan in her stage coach term show. She played the part of Michael and she did so well to remember all the lines to say and lyrics to sing. Well done Amelie!



On Easter Sunday Olive, from Emerald Class, completed her 50th Junior Park run. (The equivalent of 100km). The following weekend she received her Ultra Marathon wristband! It has taken Olive just over a year to get to 50 runs and she has participated almost every weekend, in the rain, frost and sunshine. Her current PB stands at 11 minutes 28 seconds. What an amazing achievement Olive!

Amelia, from Opal Class, has worked extremely hard to achieve her red belt in karate. Well done Amelia!



Aden has earned a swim badge and certificate. What a great skill to acquire. Well done Aden!

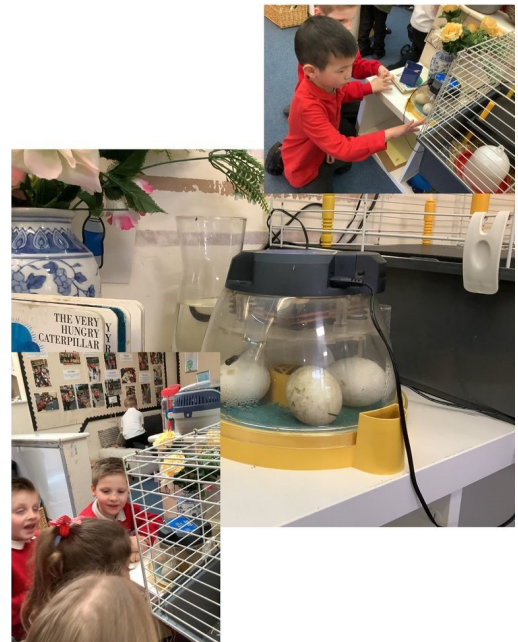
Celebrating Learning

Year R

We received a letter from Farmer Fred! He has some mystery eggs for us to look after. We are quite good with eggs now as we have had lots of practise... We have been researching animals that come out of eggs and wondering what could be inside the incubator!



Spring has sprung and we have started to plant seeds in our outdoor area. We will work hard to take care of them and help them to grow!



Year 1

We had a fantastic beach visit to Hayling Island where we participated in Wild Beach School. The team at the Final Straw Foundation were brilliant with the children and we thoroughly enjoyed activities including scavenger hunting, creating beach artwork, learning more about the things we find at the beach and even paddling in the sea!



In DT we have been looking at wheels and axles on moving vehicles. We experimented with how to successfully make wheels turn before designing our own vehicle and joining materials to



Year 2

We have been developing our athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day. We have worked on team-building, encouraging others and being ready to start a race.



In Maths, we have been exploring capacity by estimating and measuring a range of containers. We have started to make links from 'empty' and 'full' to litres and millilitres.

We have started our learning about the lives of kings and queens. We recapped how to create timelines in chronological order before adding in Queen Elizabeth 1, Queen Victoria, Queen Elizabeth 2 and King Charles 3.



Keep up the hard work, Bidbury!

Dates for your Diary Summer 2024

BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 6th May 2024
SCARF Workshop (Personal Social and Health Education)	Tuesday 7th May 2024 3:10-3:40pm
Class Photos	Friday 10th May 2024
Time to Share session	Thursday 23rd May 2024
HALF TERM	27th-31st May 2024
Transition	Wednesday 3rd July 2024
Sports Day	Friday 5th July 2024
Time to Share	Thursday 18th July
Last day of term	Friday 19th July 2024
INSET DAYS	Monday 22nd July 2024 Tuesday 23rd July 2024