



Newsletter: Friday 7th September 2018

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and enjoyed the sunshine! The children have settled in well to the start of term, getting to know their new teachers and classrooms. Mrs Simpson and Miss Lundell have been busy meeting our new Reception children during their home visits this week and we look forward to welcoming them into school for the first time next week!

I do hope you will be able to attend the class meetings (Year 2-6) next week. In addition to the short presentation from the teachers, there will also be an opportunity to ask questions and speak to the class teachers. Class notes, topic overviews and assessment booklets will all be given out at the meetings and will also be available, along with the powerpoint presentation, on the website class pages. I appreciate the timings do not suit everyone but you are welcome to contact the class teacher any time to arrange to meet. Following the transition meeting held prior to the summer holiday, there will be a year 1 'drop in' for parents (rather than a formal meeting) the following week.

For those of you who missed it at the end of July, the article from the Evening Advertiser celebrating our school improvement, can be found via the following link:

<http://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk/news/16389181.bridlewood-primary-taken-out-of-special-measures-by-ofsted-in-just-six-months/>

Beat the Street

We are very much looking forward to participating in a new walking and cycling game which is coming to our area, called Beat the Street Swindon.

This game takes place between 12th September and 24th October 2018 and we hope as many families will take part in it as possible.

We are eagerly awaiting fobs for all the children, parent packs to encourage you all to join in and also maps detailing where all the boxes are located around Swindon.

Visitors will be delivering an assembly to the children so they can find out more on Monday 17th September. Watch this space!

Prince William Award—Skillforce

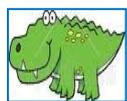
We are really pleased to be working with Skillforce this year. They will be running the pioneer programme with our year 3 pupils each week and aim to build confidence, resilience, and team work skills through a variety of practical and physical activities throughout the year.

<https://www.skillforce.org/prince-william-award-programme/>

Our **Core Value** for the Autumn term is **Respect**

Our **Assembly theme** for term 1 is **Wisdom**

House points this week



Crocodiles: 104



Dragons: 109



Lizards: 113



Turtles: 117

Well done Turtles for being this week's winners

Diary Dates

Mon 10th Sept	Elm (Y2) Class meeting
Tues 11th Sept	Birch (Y3) & Rowan (Y4) class meetings
Weds 12th Sept	Maple (Y5) class meeting
Thurs 13th Sept	Oak & Yew (Y6) class meeting
W/C 17th Sept	After school sports clubs starting
27th Sept	"Doing it for Dan" fun run
8th Oct	Rec & KS1 Theatrix visit
11th Oct	Individual photos
W/C 15th Oct	Last week of after school sports clubs
17th Oct	Speedstacking Festival
18th Oct	Yr5 trip to Hampton Court
23rd Oct	Last day of term 1
24th Oct	Teacher Development day. School closed

Doing it for Dan

On Thursday 27th September the school will be taking part in our annual 'Do it for Dan' run. As you will know, former pupil Daniel Climance lost his life in a road accident in 2015. Since then, his parents have set up a charity in his name to raise money for children and young adults to participate in sporting activities through grants to individuals and organisations.

The children and staff will be taking part in a run around our local footpaths. The Run is just over a mile long and we are hoping to raise as much money as possible for this charity, which is very close to our hearts. Please ensure your child has their PE kit, including sensible running shoes, with them on this day. To ensure the event runs smoothly, we are looking for volunteers to marshall or run alongside the children. If you are able to help with this, please let the office or Miss Hulse know. The event will start at approximately 1:30pm.

Sponsorship

Please help us raise as much money for the Doing it for Dan charity as possible by sponsoring the staff and children on our fundraising page:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Bridlewood>