

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## **NEWSLETTER 39 – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

### **Dates for your Diary-**

- The Year 6 Leavers Service will be on Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am, Year 6 parents welcome.
- The school summer term will finish on Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July 3.20pm.

**Forest School** - There will be no Forest School for Reception on Monday.

### **Clubs Update –**

- Year 1 & 2 and Year 3 & 4 Cricket, Phonics, Writing and Maths clubs have now finished.
- The last Year 3 & 4 Boys Football will be on Mon 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**School Health** – Children in Year 6 recently took part in a workshop where they learned about and discussed the dangers of vaping and e cigarettes. They also learned about the physical health, environmental, financial and emotional impacts of these products.

**Sports Day** – We finally manage to enjoy Sports Day for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Tuesday. Children took part in a range of races and Mars House were declared the winners. Thank you to the parents and the BSA that helped and supported at this event.

**Teddy Bears' Picnic** - The Reception children concluded their learning based on Goldilocks and The Three Bears by having a teddy bears' picnic on the school field. The children wrote invitations to their bears and made sandwiches and rice crispy cakes as part of their picnic preparations. The children enjoyed going on a bear hunt on the field before sitting down with their bears and their special guest, Mrs Crothall, to enjoy their picnic

**Year 6 Pantomime** – The Year 6 children entertained their parents and the children this week in a hilarious performance of 'Cinderella' by Roald Dahl. It was a fabulous show - well done to all the cast and their supporters. A big thank you to Mrs Mills, Mrs Moore and Mrs van Zyl for their excellent direction and help with props!

**Live Sound Experience** – Several of our musicians took part in a live sound experience day with Mr Badham from Alcester Academy. The workshop gave the pupils a solid working knowledge of how live sounds works from the sound engineers' and the performers' viewpoints. They were joined by two 'technicians' and everyone saw how every member of the team has an important part to play in a performance. The children performed the song 'Ocean Eyes' to the children in KS2. This was followed by a lively performance from the **Alcester Academy Rock Band**. It was lovely to welcome back a number of students who began their musical journey while they were at Bidford Primary School.

**Talent Show** - This week our children showed that 'Bidford has got Talent'. We enjoyed an entertaining range of music, dance and comedy performances – you may have heard it!

**Pupil Work** – Please bring in bag for life/strong carrier bag on Monday as children will be bringing home some of their exercise books, to keep at home, as a sample of the work that they have done in school during this academic year.

**Boys Football League** – Our Year 5 and 6 Boys Football team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the school league this year – thank you to parents for supporting the team and a big thank you to Coach Isherwood.

**Water Safety** – At their recent meeting, Governors raised the issue of water safety in the river and the balancing ponds in the newer estates around the village. Children should be aware of the following key points:

- The shock of cold water and uneven banks and river beds can make swimming difficult and increase the difficulty in getting out of the water
- Lack of safety equipment increases the difficulty for rescue
- The depth of the water can change and be unpredictable
- Underwater objects and hazards may not be visible
- Strong currents can rapidly sweep people away
- Water quality can be dangerous

Further advice is available on the following websites:

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/open-water-safety-tips>

<https://www.rosipa.com/leisure-water-safety/water/advice/sustainable-drainage-systems>

#### **Reminders** –

- **Summer Reading Challenge** – Children need to be library members to take part but library staff will be delighted to help children get started. Children need to read just SIX books borrowed from the library and they will receive various rewards along the way, ending with a medal and a certificate. Further information can be found on [summerreadingchallenge](#).
- If you have not yet returned your child's *Data Collection sheet*, please do so next week so that we can make sure your emergency contact details are up to date.

**Tesco Community Grant** - From the first week in July until the end of September, you will be able to use the blue tokens to vote for Bidford-on-Avon Primary School's Positive Playtime Project. Voting boxes will be in the following stores, and we will have an opportunity to receive up to £1500:

Stratford upon Avon main store    CV37 0UA    Kinwarton Rd Alcester Express    B49 6AA

Stratford upon Avon Express    CV37 6AD    Stratford Banbury Rd Express    CV37 7HW

**School Admissions** – If you have a child moving to Secondary school from September 2024, you may find the following information from School Admissions helpful:

- Parent guide - providing guidance to parents to help decide and apply for a school place  
<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-1980322935-2186>
- Video animation for parents <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7yVvgN9tAs>

**Book of the Week** – Reception have been reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!

Mr A Simms