

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 16 – 14th January 2022

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Hindu Workshop – As part of their RE topic, children in Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a Hindu workshop with one of our parents. She explained the beliefs and rituals of Hinduism and what it is like to be a Hindu in Britain. The children also took part in some traditional Hindu dancing which they thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to Mrs Rao for giving up her time to support our children's learning.

Singtastic – Pupils in KS1 & KS2 took part in 'Singtastic' last term. It is a lively music programme involving choral singing led by a musician from Warwickshire Music. After the 10 week session the performance was recorded and will be shown in collective Worship.

Reminders:

- **Punctuality** - The school day starts at 8.55am when the gates close – please ensure your child arrives on time and that you see them into the school premises before you leave the site.
- **Nut Free School** – Please remember we are a nut free school and children are asked not to bring any kind of nuts in for snack or in their packed lunch.
- **Reception Intake 2022** – If you have a child due to start in Reception in September 2022, the deadline for applications is **15th Jan** via the following link <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions> .

Parking Safety – We have received another complaint from one of our neighbours about inconsiderate parking near our school. Please consider the safety of our pupils, staff and our neighbouring community if you choose to drive your child to school. Do not park on or opposite the yellow zigzags - free parking is available in the Wards Lane carpark only a short walk away.

Change of Date - Educational Mental Health Practitioners – On **Thursday 20th Jan** (previously 27th Jan) we are hosting our first Educational Mental Health Practitioners (EMHP) session. This will be an opportunity for you to talk with our practitioners, to learn more about their role within our school and to ask questions. There is no need to book, just use the following links to access the Zoom session:

Session 1 – 9:15am

<https://covwarkpt-nhs-uk.zoom.us/j/94436152212?pwd=K2R3NjIteFh4MEYyaTFqS2hxWWU2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 944 3615 2212 Passcode: 951341

Session 2 - 4pm

<https://covwarkpt-nhs-uk.zoom.us/j/96331191540?pwd=MnNvcnc5UE5LRnFINjd3ODVlbGxwUT09>

Meeting ID: 963 3119 1540 Passcode: 751635

The sessions will cover the same content so you only need to attend one.

Covid Arrangements

- We request that parents wear a face covering while on the school site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- **ALL** visitors that come into the school building **must wear a face covering**.
- Increased ventilation in the classrooms during this cold weather may mean your child wishes to wear an additional clothing layer or bring a small blanket to have on their lap.

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- If your child is unwell, they should remain at home until they are better. A PCR test should be taken if they are displaying Covid symptoms.
- If your child receives a positive Covid-19 test result outside of school hours, please leave a message on the school answerphone and send a text to 07591 541444 immediately. We will contact you to confirm the next steps. Please do not use this number for any other messages. If your child receives a negative Covid-19 test result, please contact the office on 01789 773201 before sending your child back to school.
- Although there has not been any update to the national definition of Covid-19 symptoms (cough, high temperature, loss/change in taste/smell), please also be mindful of the wider symptoms of Covid-19 – sore throat, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, blocked/runny nose, shortness of breath, diarrhoea and vomiting, and cold-like symptoms. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should isolate and book a PCR test.
- If your child displays symptoms of Covid in school, we will take their temperature and test their sense of smell before phoning you to come and collect them if we feel it is necessary.

Book of the Week – The Reception classes have been reading ‘Whatever next’ by Jill Murphy. The moon and back before bedtime? Whatever next! Join Baby Bear as he finds a rocket, makes friends with an owl and has a picnic on the moon!

Mr A Simms