

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 18– 28th January 2022

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

5 4 3 2 1 Blast Off! – The Reception children really enjoyed their Space Day on Wednesday – thanks to parents for your support in dressing your child in some amazing space themed outfits. Pupils took part in a number of activities including making icing to decorate biscuits as planets, creating clay aliens and model spaceships. They made and launched paper rockets and had a great time role-playing inside the classroom space station.

Tudor Topic – Children in Mrs Satchwell's and Mrs Mills' class have been looking at using Tudor style language in their letter writing. They have written letters to the Lord featuring in our class book 'Treason' (see below) as well as a letter to the Pope from Henry VIII asking for a divorce from Catherine of Aragon so he could marry Anne Boleyn. Mrs Satchwell's class have also been researching Henry VIII to see how he changed over time - his appearance, character and his interests, as well as other's opinions of him.

Tree Planting – On Thursday we had 9 trees and 50 whips planted in the area in the front of the school. The project, kindly supported by Bidford Parish Council, aims to improve the look of the school grounds and is inspired by the national initiative of 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'.

Individual Education Plans – IEPs will be sent home by the end of Tuesday for all children on the SEND register.

Messages from the Governors

- We would like to say farewell and thank you to Jo Claronino, one of our Foundation Governors, who has decided to step down. Jo has been a member of the Governing Board for the past 9 years and has been instrumental in championing the Christian ethos of the school during her time. Jo moves on to new challenges and we wish her all the best for the future. If anyone would be interested in becoming a School Governor to help support our school please contact the school office for more information.
- The Governors would like to congratulate and say a huge well done to all the Blue and Green Banders for their excellent work in supporting others in school. A number of our Year 6 pupils give up their time to help the younger children during break and lunch periods, providing friendship and support for the younger children. It has been fantastic to hear about how they are helping others and truly encapsulating the ethos and values of our school.

PE Sessions – Miss Drissell's class will be having a PE session on Thurs 3rd Feb and Mrs Mills' on Thurs 10th Feb. Please send your child into school in their PE kit.

Clubs Update

- There will be no **Indoor Athletics Club** next week (Fri 4th Feb).
- **Young Voices** will be starting again on Thurs 24th March, an email has been sent out to all parents who have a child in this club.

Covid Arrangements

- As we continue to have cases confirmed across all year groups, we request that parents wear a face covering while on the school site and maintain social distancing wherever possible. Our staff will continue to wear masks in corridors and communal areas.
- **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.
- 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 – Children in Mrs Satchwell's and Miss Powell's classes have been reading 'Treason' by Berlie Doherty. As the King's favourite, Will gains many enemies in Court. They convince King Henry VIII that Will's father has committed treason and he is thrown into Newgate Prison. Will flees Hampton Court and goes into hiding in the back streets of London where he meets Nick. Together they must brave imprisonment and death as they embark on a great adventure to set Will's father free.

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