

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 19 – 4th February 2022

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Africa Topic – Children in Years 1 and 2 have been learning about African animals and where they live. They have also been finding out why the animals look the way they do – why leopards have spots, a zebra has stripes and elephants have a trunk. They have compared our climate with that of Kenya and thought about how it influences the clothing that people wear. Pupils have been creating artwork inspired by African Tingatinga paintings.

Tudor Topic – Year 3 and 4 children have been learning about Sir Walter Raleigh, the Tudor explorer and nobleman. They have been writing about his life in an autobiography.

Science – Pupils in Years 3 and 4 have been investigating electricity in science and learning about complete and incomplete circuits. The children will apply what they have learned by making and testing their own electrical circuits.

Collective Worship – In Collective Worship this week we looked at Chinese New Year focusing on how families and communities come together to celebrate and renew their good wishes for each other. We also talked about how Holocaust Memorial Day reminds all of us to see the best in each other, to treat each other kindly and to value our freedoms.

Clubs Update –

- **Cooking club** next week will be on **WEDS 10th** and not Thurs 11th Feb.
- **Young Voices** will be recommencing on Thurs 24th March. An email has been sent to all parents who have a child in this club. Please let the office know by 14th Feb if you cannot attend the new performance date.

PE Session – Mrs Mills' class will be having an extra PE day on Thursday 10th February. Please send your child into school in their PE kit.

Headlice – We have had a case of head lice in school, please check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

Dogs – Dogs should not be brought on to the school site.

PGL – The February instalment of £25 is available now to pay on PAY360 and is due by 13th Feb.

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.

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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 – Mrs Bond & Mrs Flavell's class have been reading 'The Leopard's Drum' by Jessica Souhami. Osebo the leopard, has a magnificent drum but he won't let anyone else have it. Nyame the sky god offers a big reward to the animal who will bring him the drum.....

Mr A Simms