

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 21 – 4th March 2022

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Ukraine – This week in Collective Worship, we spent some time reflecting on the sad situation in Ukraine. Thinking about the importance of peace, hope and love, we gave thanks for our safety and thought about others who are not safe in the world. Our School Council are organising a collection of much needed items to be sent to the Ukrainian refugees – an email has been sent this week with more details.

Pancake Day

- In Collective Worship we also considered why we eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. A Christian festival celebrated in many countries, it falls on the Tuesday before the beginning of Lent. During Lent, Christians give up luxuries to remember when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to fast and pray, so we make pancakes to use up the supplies in our cupboards.
- Following its absence last year, the commotion and excitement returned to our school during the annual Staff Pancake Race! For the first time ever, I won, with Mr Thackway second and Mrs Satchwell third. It was reported that Mr Thackway was the only member of staff not to drop his pancake, however I dispute this, as I know I didn't drop mine either - it just goes to show age does not impair agility! Miss Drissell was leading the race all of the way but was over confident within metres of the finish line, she flipped her pancake for a final time and it was grabbed by the wind causing her to finish unplaced.
- Delicious aromas have been wafting around the Reception and KS1 corridor as children helped to mix and make their own pancakes.

World Book Day – On Thursday we dressed as our favourite book characters and celebrated World Day Book Day with a range of book related activities all around the school. All children enjoyed sharing stories and the activities included rewriting stories to retell books children had been reading, designing bookmarks & book covers and writing persuasive letters to Ladybird publishers to ask them to publish the story of Little Red Riding Hood from the wolf's point of view!

Reception Topic – Children in Reception have been learning about Polar Bears and Penguins this week. They did a blubber investigation to help them understand why the animals do not feel the cold, including making their own blubber mitts from lard. Children also looked at the globe to find out where they live.

School Dinner Menu – The new menu starts Monday 7th March (week 1) - a copy has been sent home with your child today and it will also be available on the school website.

Reception PE - Once the weather starts to warm up children in Reception class will go outside to do PE so they will need to bring black pumps/trainers into school on their PE day (Friday).

Staff Vacancies

- We would like to recruit a new **Clerk** to support our Governing Body. The role is part time for 100 hours over the year and will be a mix of working from home and attending Governing Body meetings in person. Please come into the school office for more details.
- We are looking for a **Midday Supervisor** to work 1.5 hours each lunchtime (job sharing over different days if required). All applicants will undergo safeguarding reference checks. Please contact the office for details.

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Reminder - The School Health Team will be in school on 8th March seeing the Reception and Year 6 children as part of the National Child Measurements Programme. An email was sent before half term to parents with children in these year groups giving further details.

Clubs Update – There will be **no** Year 3 & 4 Boys Football Club on Mon 7th March and **no** Year 5 & 6 Boys Football club on Weds 16th March.

Dates for your Diary –

- Sports Enrichment Days for Reception will be on Mon 7th March, and Year 1 & 2 on Tues 8th March and Years 3 & 4 on Tues 10th March. Please send your child into school in their PE kit.
- There will be a Teacher Training Day on Fri 27th May.

Covid Arrangements -

- If your child is unwell, they should remain at home until they are well enough to return. If your child becomes ill whilst at school, you will be asked to collect them. If they have symptoms of Covid-19 they should remain at home and take a test. If your child has a positive test, they can return to school following 2 consecutive negative tests from day 5.
- 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.

Book of the Week – During our World Book Day activities this week, each class voted for their favourite book. These are the winning books this year:

Year 1 - Stickman by Julia Donaldson Year 1/2 - The Twits by Roald Dahl
Year 2 - The Gingerbread Man - traditional tale Year 3 and Year 4 - Harry Potter by J K Rowling
Year 3/4 - tied result: Harry Potter by J K Rowling & Dork Diaries by Rachel Renée Russell
Year 5 and Year 5/6 - The Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
Year 6 - The Boy in the Dress by David Walliams

Mr A Simms



Support Ukrainian refugees

If you would like to fill a shoebox with items needed for Ukrainian refugees we will be dropping them off to a collection point in Evesham, so they can be transported to Rzeszow in Poland just off the border of Ukraine.

We will also be collecting items for a class school box. Therefore, if you only have one or two items please bring them in and still support the cause.

Items you could include:

- Colouring books
- Small toys
- Gloves, hats, scarfs
- Socks and underwear
- Pyjamas
- Stationery
- Snacks
- A note or letter
- Toiletries



All shoeboxes must be clearly labelled if it is suitable for a girl or boy, and must be brought to school no later than Friday 11th March.

