

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## **NEWSLETTER 25 – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Mini Beasts Hunt** – Children in the Reception classes have enjoyed hunting for mini beasts under the logs and plants in forest school this week. After finding a variety of different creatures including worms, millipedes, centipedes, beetles and woodlice, they created their own mini beasts to go in their garden display.

**Surprise Visit** - The Reception children had unexpected visit from a pair of ducks on Friday morning just as they were going out for their PE lesson. After spending a few minutes looking at how the male and female duck differed, the children went off to PE singing duck songs!

**Mental Health Workshops** – Children in KS2 have taken part in workshops with the Education Mental Health Practitioners this week. Year 5 and 6 have been talking about problem solving and resilience and Year 3 and 4 focussed on the importance of good sleep routine.

**Class Photos** – Pupils will be having their class photos taken by Tempest Photography on Mon 28<sup>th</sup> March. If your child has PE or Forest School on this day, please send them into school in their normal uniform with their PE kit or Forest School things in a separate bag.

**Sunglasses** – Children can only wear sunglasses in school if they are prescription glasses. Children may wear a cap or a sun hat in the sunny weather.

**KS1 Books** – Children in Year 1 and 2 have their reading books changed on a Tuesday – please ensure you sign the reading record before sending it in with the books to be changed.

**Staff Vacancy** - We would like to recruit a new Clerk to support our Governing Body. The role is part time for 100 hours spread throughout the school 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.

**Clubs Update** – There will be no Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Club on Weds 30<sup>th</sup> March.  
**If your child cannot attend their afterschool club, please let the office know.**

### **Dates for your Diary –**

- Sports Enrichment Day for Years 3 & 4 will now be on Mon 4<sup>th</sup> April, please send your child into school in their PE kit.
- There will be a Teacher Training Day on Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Covid Arrangements**

- Over the last three weeks we have had 86 children and 11 members of staff test positive with Covid. Please help us to limit further spread by wearing 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 and we ask that **ALL** visitors that come into the school building **wear a face covering**.
- 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.

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- 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** – Mrs Walsh's class have been reading 'Harry and the Dinosaurs'. Harry finds some dusty plastic dinosaurs in Nan's attic. He cleans them, finds out their names and takes them everywhere - until, one day, the dinosaurs get lost! The lost property man gets a surprise when Harry proves the dinosaurs are his by calling them over to him.

Mr A Simms