

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 37 – 8th July 2022

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Science – We hosted an Odgen Trust 'Light Day' in school this week and children from our school along with children from three other local schools took part. They participated in a number of activities including sorting light sources, investigating reflective surfaces, writing mirror images to each other and negotiating a mirror maze. Children also created shadow figures out of foil and made their own kaleidoscope,

Cotswold Wildlife Park – Children in Year 1 and 2 visited the Cotswold Wildlife Park on Wednesday to conclude their topic on Kenya from earlier in the year. During the day, they were able to see many animals including giraffes, camels, meerkats, penguins, leopards, and otters. They all enjoyed a picnic lunch and had a great day. Thank you to all of our helpers for joining us.

Sports Day – Our annual Sports Day returned this year and our pupils competed in a variety of events including long jump, sprint, hurdles, howler throw and egg & spoon. Well done to everyone but congratulations to our winning house Jupiter! Mrs Stockley won the KS1 staff race and much to Miss Drissell's disappointment, Mrs Jewell won the KS2 staff race! Great fun was had in the parents' race too - very competitive and not without a bit of cheating! – thank you to everyone for taking part and for supporting the event, it was lovely to enjoy such a 'normal' school activity again!

Porridge! - The Reception children have based some of their learning around the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They tasted coco pops, porridge and toast investigating why coco pops turned the milk brown, why porridge can be chewy and saw how bread changes when it is toasted. The children discussed the importance of starting each day with a healthy breakfast.

Gardening - The peas that the reception children have been growing have now been harvested. The children enjoyed opening the pea pods and discovering the peas inside. The children are now waiting for the tomatoes, carrots, beans and potatoes to be ready.

Staffing News – At the end of this term we will be saying farewell to Mrs Walsh, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Rhymer as they move on to new adventures. In September, we will be welcoming Mr Plumbe, Miss Waters and Mr Batts to our teaching staff.

Reports – Children's reports have been emailed to all parents this week. Attendance certificates and SATs results will be sent home next week.

Reading Books – We will be reorganising our reading books ready for September. If you still have any Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 reading books at home please return them to school by Mon 11th July. No new reading books will be sent home. We are keen that pupils continue to read at home as much as possible so please use the library or access the Oxford Reading Tree website who have a large range of free online stories.
<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

PGL – Final PGL payment for Year 5 children is due 13th July.

Swimming – Year 4 Swimming has now finished for this term. Children will be doing PE in school so continue to send them into school in their PE kit until the end of term. The hot deli bag lunch option is no longer available.

School Meals – The price of a school meal will increase to £2.40 from September. The new menu for next term will be sent home before the end of term.

Message from at St Joseph's Catholic Church - If your child is baptised Catholic and will be in Year 3 or above in Sept 2022, they can be enrolled to make their First Holy Communion in June 2023. Preparations will begin in Nov 2022. Please contact father.garry@gmail.com.

Summer Reading Challenge 2022 - Bidford Community Library are taking part in the national Summer Reading Challenge and would like encourage all primary age children to join in. Children are challenged to borrow and read just six books during the summer holidays. They will receive various rewards along the way, including a certificate and medal when they finish the challenge. The scheme runs from Sat 16th July to Sat 3rd Sept. Call into the library to register your child up for this **free** scheme and to find out more details. Your child will need to be a library member to take part. You can join the library online via [Library Registration](#) and follow the instructions under Apply for a Library Card.

Reminders:

- All children should bring a water bottle so that they can keep hydrated during the day. Bottles should contain only still water. Do not send in fizzy drinks or squash.
- On sunny days, please make sure your child has a named sun hat. 'Once a day' sun cream should be applied before school; do not send sun cream for your child to use in school. Sunglasses are not permitted unless they are prescription lenses.

Dates for your Diary –

- Parents of children in Year 2 are invited to watch an Ocarina Concert on Tues 12th July at 10am in the school hall.
- Parent Teacher meetings will be held on Tues 12th July and Thurs 14th July 4.00 – 7.00pm.
- The Leavers Pantomime performance for the Year 6 parents will be on Mon 18th July at 2.15pm
- The Year 6 Leaver Service will be held in the school hall on Thurs 21st July at 9.30am
- The school summer term will finish on Thursday 21st July.

Book of the Week – Children in Miss Powell's class have been reading 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. Ernest Shackleton dreamed of crossing the frozen heart of Antarctica, a place of ferocious seas, uncharted mountains and bone-chilling cold. But when his ship, the Endurance became trapped in the deadly grip of the ice, Shackleton's dreams were shattered. Stranded in a cold, white world, and thousands of miles from home, the men of the expedition set out on a desperate trek across the ice in search of rescue.

Mr A Simms

The latest from



BSA

BIDFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Summer Fair – Friday 15th July 5-7pm

A big thank you to all those who have already donated towards the summer fair! We have already had lots of beautiful books donated, so no more books, please! We do still need:

- Prizes for Tombola (including toiletries, games, gift sets, bottles, or anything else you think would make a nice prize)
- Children's Toys
- Second Hand Uniform and Fancy Dress Outfits

Please bring any donations at drop off or pick up times by **Wednesday 13th July**. at 8.30am – please come and find us under the canopy area outside the main office :-)

Back by popular demand for the Fair...**CAKE STALL!!** Please bring any cake donations (homemade or bought) to the school hall at morning drop off on Friday 15th July.

Also needed – more volunteers! If you can help run a stall at the fair (even for part of the time), or can help set up from 1:30pm on Friday, please let us know – in person or via facebook! Big thanks to all those who have already volunteered. Without everyone's help, these events simply can't work.

Many thanks in advance for your support!

The BSA

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