Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 7 – 20th October 2022

<u>Mental Health Workshops</u> - Last week, Kirsty and Samantha from the Educational Mental Health Practitioner team came in to school and delivered workshops around identifying low mood and strategies to help our pupils with their mental health. All pupils from Year 3 to 6 enjoyed the sessions, especially joining in with the Macarena dance! Kirsty and Samantha will return next term to deliver workshops to the Year 1 and 2 pupils.

<u>Christianity</u> - Children in Years 1 and 2 have been studying Christianity this week and have been given the question 'Who is a Christian and What do they Believe In?' They have enjoyed reading the parable of the lost sheep, and talked about its message encouraging us to help those in need.

<u>Ancient Greece</u> – Children in Year 6 have been researching the Parthenon in preparation for their forthcoming trip to the British Museum in London. This led to an interesting discussion about where the Elgin Marbles should be kept. Pupils followed on with their topic in Maths where they have been looking at Pythagoras, an ancient Greek mathematician. They have explored how he proved there are 180 degrees in a triangle and how he also thought numbers were male or female and beautiful or ugly.

<u>School Photographs</u> – Children had their photographs taken last week. Please order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit <u>www.tempest-orders.co.uk</u> by 4th Nov to avoid P&P charges. If your child has not brought home the ordering details please contact the school office. Any children that missed the session will be able to have their photo taken Thurs 24th Nov.

Lost Property – We have an ever increasing number of unnamed lost items of school uniform that we cannot return to their owners. Iron on name labels fall off easily so please check they are secured or clothing is marked with an indelible pen.

<u>Secondary School Admissions</u> - If you are the parent of a child in Year 6, you will need to apply for their Year 7 place in a secondary school via <u>Secondary School Admissions</u> by the deadline of <u>Mon 31 Oct</u>.

Diary Dates -

- <u>School Open Evenings</u> for prospective parents for Reception 2023 will be held on Tues 8th Nov between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Please book an appointment on 01789 773201.
- School will be closed to pupils for <u>Teacher Training Days</u> on Fri 21st and Mon 31st Oct.
- Our House Captains will be selling <u>Remembrance Poppies</u> to pupils (Poppy stickers for Reception children) after half term please send in donations with your child.
- Our <u>Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performance</u> will be held in the afternoons of 7th and 8th Dec. A ticket for each performance will be given to each child.

Book of the Week – Miss Drissell's class have been reading 'There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom', by Louis Sachar. Bradley Chalker is the oldest child in the class and he tells enormous lies and picks fights with girls. No one likes him - except Carla, the new school counsellor. She knows that Bradley could change, if only he was not afraid to try. Sometimes the hardest thing in the world is believing in yourself.

<u>Mr A Simms</u>