

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 8 – 4th November 2022

Playground Improvements – You may have noticed the exciting new play tower that has been installed on the playground over the half term break! Our Year 1 and 2 children are looking forward to trying it our next week when it has had its Health & Safety inspection. We would like to give a big thank you to Bidford Parish Council and the Bidford School Association for generously financing this project.

Diwali – The Reception children have been learning about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light. They have made clay diya lamps, taken part in Diwali dancing and created Rangoli and Mendhi patterns. Some of the children walked to the Co-op to shop for the food items that children enjoyed tasting. Pupils wrote shopping lists before setting off and remembered to take money to pay for their items! Thank you to Mrs Palmer for coming shopping and to the Co-Op staff for welcoming us in the store.

Ancient Greece – Children in Miss Waters' class have been creating advertisements to sell Greek houses. They have made posters and described the details of the houses using persuasive language.

Internet Safety - In school we always remind and teach all pupils about the importance of staying safe online. With the increased access and use of technology it is important you understand how you can help protect you child. Please see the link below for online safety tips, how to make a digital family pledge as well as five digital resources to boost mental health and the current best educational apps.

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

School Photographs – Today is the last day for ordering photographs via the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Any children that missed the session will be able to have their photo taken Thurs 24th Nov.

Christmas Lunch – Please book your child's Christmas lunch by Mon 21st Nov via [Christmas Lunch](#). The meal is free for all children with the Bidford School Association kindly paying for meals for pupils Year 3 – 6.

Reception 2023 – The school applications window has now opened for children starting in Reception in September 2023. Please apply via [Reception Admissions 2023](#) by 15th Jan.

Reminders:

- Now that the weather is getting colder (and wetter!) please send your child to school with a warm coat (clearly named).
- Children in Year 3 and 4 have their trip to Chedworth Roman Villa next week. All Year 4 pupils are going on Mon 7th Nov and all Year 3 on Weds 9th Nov. Children should bring a packed lunch in a throwaway plastic bag and water (no glass bottles or cans), and need to be at school for **8.45am**, the coach will be leaving promptly at 9am. We are due to return to school for normal home time, traffic permitting.
- Our House Captains are selling Remembrance Poppies to pupils (Poppy stickers for Reception children) in the afternoons - please send in donations with your child.
- Second half term fees for Music Tuition are due by Mon 21st Nov.
- Year 4 Swimming – a contribution of £3.39 is requested each week, payable as 2 half-termly payments of £16.95.

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Diary Dates -

- Children in Reception and Year 6 will take part in the National Child Measurement Programme on Weds 30th Nov -please see the separate email sent on Thursday.
- Our Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performance will be held in the afternoons of 7th and 8th Dec. A ticket for each performance will be given to each child.
- Reception children will sing Christmas Songs to parents on Mon 12th Dec at 9.45am – no ticket is required.

Book of the Week – Children in Reception have been reading ‘Dipal's Diwali’ by Twinkl. The book follows Dipal and his family as they celebrate this important festival in the Hindu calendar. It introduces the story of Rama and Sita, explains meaning behind the diya lamps and shows what it is like inside a Hindu temple.

Mr A Simms

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BIDFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Hopefully you're all refreshed after the half term break, for the run up to Christmas we have the following:

**Christmas Fayre donation drop off – in the hall at morning drop off
ALL Fridays in November 11th, 18th & 25th**

Surplus uniform, books, teddies, games, puzzles etc...



25th November – Non-uniform Day

Clear out those odd alcoholic items and bring us a bottle (or any bottle) for the Christmas Fayre in return for non-uniform day.

2nd December - Christmas Fayre

Pop this in your diary now!



9th December – School Disco More details to follow on timings and tickets.

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