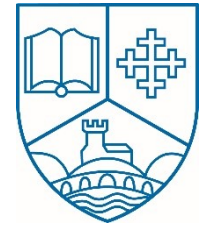


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 14– 16th December 2022

Christmas Activities

- 👤 Children from the Reception classes entertained their families with a selection of seasonal songs with actions.
- 👤 Children across the school have had a festive theme to their latest D & T activities:
 - 👤 Children in Reception have made and decorated Christmas biscuits.
 - 👤 Children in Year 1 & 2 have made festive 'slider' cards.
 - 👤 Children in Year 3 & 4 have designed and made a box to hold the delicious chocolate truffles they made.
 - 👤 Children in Year 5 & 6 have baked and decorated their own gingerbread men.
- 👤 On Wednesday morning, Rev Peter Walker led our school Christmas Service in the school hall as we were unable to go to Church because of the ice. We were able to come together as a school community and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.
- 👤 Mrs Fisher and her team cooked and served nearly 270 Christmas lunches to pupils and staff on Wednesday. Thank you to the BSA for funding the lunches for the KS2 children.
- 👤 After Christmas lunch, we had a surprise visit from a certain man dressed in red and two of his elves. The children were extremely excited and they were all given a gift from the BSA.



Christmas Tree Festival - We are pleased to have been announced as runner up in the children's category at the Christmas Tree Festival at St Laurence Church. Thank you to all the children and staff for making the Santas and Reindeer that decorated it and to everyone who voted for us.

Staff News – Today we say goodbye to Miss Sheehan and wish her all the best in her new job. Mrs Tycer will be joining the class in January to cover the remainder of Mrs Satchwell's maternity leave.

Music Tuition – All lessons will start again w/c 9th Jan.

Headlice – We are still having reports of cases of headlice in school, please check your child on a regular basis and treat as necessary, most treatments require applying again after 7 days.

Schools Dinners – When we return to school in January, the dinner menu will be on week 3 and the options on the first day back will be roast beef, quorn roast, and jacket potato. There will also be the option of tuna mayo DB for children in Reception and KS1.

Online Safety - Many parents may be buying consoles and other devices which allow children to access the internet. Advice about how to keep your child safe is available on the government website [child safety online](https://www.gov.uk/child-safety-online) and there are a number of other sources for guidance on the safeguarding page of our school website. All games have a PEGI rating and this determines the age of their intended audience - see [PEGI](https://www.pegi.com/) for more information. The Government are also advising parents to discuss with their children the dangers of accessing inappropriate adult material if they have a smartphone, and that they should provide a suitable firewall to protect them.

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Reception admissions for Sept 2023 - To secure a school place for children born between 1st Sept 2018 and 31st Aug 2019 you must apply online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions by **Sun 15th Jan**.

Clubs –

- Year 5 & 6 Boys Football and KS2 Girls Football will start w/c 2nd Jan for the same children.
- Young Voices, Year 3 & 4 Boys Football will restart w/c 9th Jan for the same children.
- Artbase Year 2 - 6 and Gymnastics for Year 4 & 5 will start for new children w/c 9th Jan - details have been sent by email.
- Newspaper club will restart on 16th Jan for the same children and will be every 2 weeks.

Dates for your Diary –

- The *Children's Crib Service* at St Laurence Church is on at 4pm on Sat 24th Dec. *Family Communion* will be on Christmas Day at 10am.
- The *Bidford Panto* team are performing 'The Three Musketeers' panto on Sun 31st Dec/Mon 1st Jan/ Tues 2nd Jan at the Crawford Hall. Details and tickets available at [Bidfordpanto](#)
- *Teacher Training Day* (school closed to children) is on Tues 3rd Jan.

Book of the Week – We always enjoy 'The Night before Christmas' by Clement Moore. This traditional poem from 1822 is a lovely story that captures the wonder and excitement of waiting for St Nicholas.

On behalf of all our staff and governors, we all wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you on WEDNESDAY 4th January 2023.



Mr A Simms