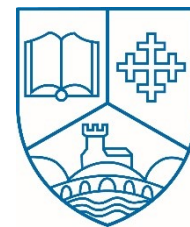


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 17 – 20th January 2023

Speed Stacking – On Thursday and Friday, we had the opportunity to master the art of speed stacking with cups. Each day began with an assembly, which kicked off the event by giving a taste of what cup stacking entails. Each class had time to learn from the Master Stacker, Simon, from Speed Stacks UK. We played fun stacking games in our classes and learnt new strategies to improve our techniques. As well as being lots of fun, the activity helped our neural reactions and our hand-eye co-ordination. Many thanks to Miss Drissell for organising this fun event.



Space Day – Some of the Reception children went to an Ogden Trust Science workshop at Tardebigge First School. Pupils enjoyed a range of Space themed activities including making rockets and planets, star constellations from marshmallows and toothpicks and recreating moon craters by dropping different sized balls into chocolate powder. They are looking forward to sharing these activities with the rest of their class.

Bidford School Newspaper – Some of our children have been honing their journalistic skills and have produced some news reports. One of them is shown below – watch out for future editions!

English – Children in Year 5 & 6 have been writing poems based on the book of the week, The Umbrella Mouse. They were asked to include a metaphor, personification, onomatopoeia and simile in their writing.

NEU Industrial Action – Following the recent ballot, the National Education Union (NEU) is calling its members to take part in industrial action consisting of strike action on Weds 1st Feb. We do not yet know the intention of NEU members employed at our school but we will inform parents as soon as we know.

Cross Country Competition – An email has been sent to parents of children in Year 5 & 6 inviting pupils to take part in a cross country competition on Mon 30th at Coughton Court. All details are included in the email.

Parents Evenings – This term, Parents Evenings are being held on Tues 7th and Thurs 9th Feb (Mrs Horsborough/Jones Tues 7th, Thurs 9th and Tues 14th Feb). Details have been sent by email and appointments must be booked via [Pay360](#). The closing date is 10am Fri 3rd Feb.

Headlice – We have had reports of head lice in school, particularly amongst the younger children. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat as necessary. Please remember most applications need a second treatment 7 days after the first one.

Vacancy - We would like to recruit a Midday Supervisor to help support our children at lunchtime. The post is for 1.5 hours each day and can be for 5 days a week or as a 3 day/ 2 day job share. Please call in or contact us on 01789 773201 for further details. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure and pre-employment checks.

Dates for your Diary –

- Reception Space Day will take place on Tues 14th Feb.
- There will be a Teacher Training Day on Fri 26th May when school will be closed to children.

Book of the Week – Children in Year 5 & 6 are reading 'The Umbrella Mouse' by Anna Fargher. It is 1944, and London is under attack. Young mouse Pip Hanway's safe and quiet world is turned upside down when her home, umbrella shop James Smith & Sons, is destroyed by a bomb. Orphaned and alone, she must begin a perilous quest to find a new home.....

Bidford School News

The School's Favourite Newspaper

Spectacular School Trip To Chedworth Roman Villa



Roman mosaics inside Chedworth

Last term, pupils from Year 3 and Year 4 of Bidford on Avon School attended a school trip to Chedworth Roman Villa. This was to give them the opportunity to allow themselves to have a greater understanding regarding their topic for this term - the Romans.

A few Bidford Primary School staff members also attended the day trip.

Miss Drissell, the teacher of Year 4, exclusively told us: "It was not only fun, entertaining and thrilling for the young pupils but was extraordinarily educational to be able to actually witness and examine everything that the Romans had 2000 years ago."

Over 90 children went on the school trip and all were known to have had a good time. A student from Year 3 quoted: "It was incredibly amusing because my classmates and I got to see everything from a long, long time ago such as the Romans' toilet facilities, where they ate and what they used as their eating utensils. I also found it fun because I got to roam around with my friends who found it interesting too."

After returning from Chedworth, the Year 3 and 4 children were excited to continue their studies about the Romans.

Reported by: Sofia and Alina

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Happy Friday!

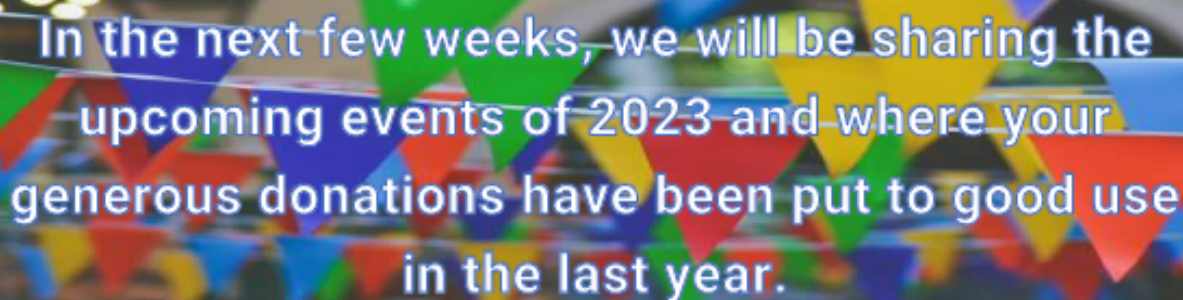
We are a few weeks into the new term now and we hope that the children are all settled and looking forward to the year ahead.

AGM & Volunteer Plea

Shortly we will hold our AGM and we are looking for new committee volunteers to help us continue raising vital funds for the school.

If you feel like you can spare us time throughout the year as part of the committee and would like to know more, please get in touch.

Volunteers needed!
Please apply within



In the next few weeks, we will be sharing the upcoming events of 2023 and where your generous donations have been put to good use in the last year.

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