

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



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Chinese New Year – The Reception children have been learning about the Lunar New Year and how it is prepared for and celebrated in China. Activities included tasting Chinese food and making dragon puppets. The children learnt that they were born in either the year of the Rooster or the Dog. Their learning ended with surprising the rest of the school with a dragon parade through almost every classroom making their own music using drums and cymbals.

World War 2 – We have taken delivery this week of a very old suitcase from a local resident. It had been kept safe under their bed for many years and contains a range of World War 2 memorabilia that will help us learn what life in Bidford was like during the War. The children in Year 5 and 6 are very excited about seeing what is inside!

Computing – Mr Thackway's class have been making animations in their Computing work this week. They created their own robot that could perform various tasks such as making breakfast and doing haircuts. One robot even had a portal that was a time machine allowing users to travel back and forward in time.

Young Voices – Mrs Roberts, Mrs Moore and Mrs Jewell travelled to the Resorts World Arena with a group of KS2 children for the annual Young Voices concert. The children have been preparing for the event since September and have had to learn a variety of songs and dance moves for the performance with a 6000 strong choir. The event was filmed by the BBC for Blue Peter and is likely to be aired on Friday 3rd Feb.

Clubs Update – There will be no after school clubs on Weds 1st Feb (see below) and there will be no Girls football club on Thurs 9th Feb.

NEU Industrial Action – As you are aware, the National Education Union (NEU) have called for strike action on Weds 1st Feb. Teaching staff who are members of the NEU will be supporting this action. As a result, the school will only be partially open. This means that on Weds 1st Feb **only the following classes will be open** to children:

Mrs Ellwood – Reception Mr Plumbe - Year 2 Mr Thackway - Year 3 Mrs Mills - Year 6
There will be no after school clubs on this day. School meals will be provided as normal for the children in school. The missed swimming lesson for Year 4 children will be made up on 22nd Mar.

Dates for your Diary –

- Reception Space Day will take place on Tues 14th Feb.
- We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thurs 2nd March – children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character (no superheroes or football kits please)
- There will be a Teacher Training Day on Fri 26th May when school will be closed to children.

Book of the Week – Reception children have been reading 'Aliens Love Underpants' by Claire Freedman. Aliens love underpants, in every shape and size. But there are no underpants in space, so here's a big surprise.....

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