

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## NEWSLETTER 26 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Wellbeing Enrichment** – Over the last few weeks, all children have been taking part in a range of enrichment activities. Pupils enjoyed sessions designing and making their own fruit smoothies, and after sampling them all, they voted for their favourite. The winning recipe was Strawberry, Mango, Banana & Apple Juice. Children also learned skipping skills and tricks with the UK expert Rebecca Cooper and had fun competing in Speed Stacking challenges.

**All Stars Cricket** – Children in Year 1 & 2 welcomed Andy from Warwickshire County Cricket Board last Friday to give the children a taste of All Stars Cricket. Pupils enjoyed taking part in fielding and batting games that gave them a fun introduction to cricket. It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves and joining in with huge smiles on their faces. If you would like to find out more about All Stars Cricket, go to their website and search your local clubs: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

**Therapy Dog** - Over the last few weeks, we have been very excited to introduce Frank to our school. Frank is a fully qualified therapy dog who will be visiting on a regular basis to support pupils across our school. So far, Frank has enjoyed having stories read to him, going for walks and learning to play Uno.



**Tree Planting** - This week, a small group of pupils were invited to the Ragley Estate by Lord and Lady Hertford, where the life of the late Queen Elizabeth is being commemorated with the planting of a new avenue of trees. The Platinum Jubilee Walk is made up of 52 trees, representing the year The Queen came to the throne. Trees were planted on behalf of a number of primary schools closest to the estate. The children who attended did a fantastic job at supporting the event and were extremely good role models of the school.



**Easter Service** – On Wednesday, Rev Walker led his last Easter Collective Worship, telling the story of the triumphant arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, his crucifixion and then his resurrection on Easter Sunday. We would like to thank Rev Walker for the support he has given to our school and wish him well for his retirement.

**Football** - Our Boys Football team played St Nicholas Primary School on Wednesday with a loss of 6-1, it was a difficult match with the stronger team winning. Thank you to parents for their support.

**September Music Lessons** – If your child is in Year 2 to 5 and they wish to start /continue music lessons in September, please make a £30 deposit payment on [PAY 360](#) and book online at [Instrument Tuition September 2023](#) by 17<sup>th</sup> April. Please also use this link to let us know if your child no longer wishes to continue with lessons in September.

**Swimming** – Year 4 will start swimming again on Weds 19<sup>th</sup> April, payment can be made on [PAY 360](#).

**Music Lessons** – Tuition for the summer term will start w/c 17<sup>th</sup> April, payment can be made on [PAY 360](#).

**School Dinners** – When we return to school after the Easter break the cost of school meals will increase to £2.50.

**Reception PE** - After Easter, once the weather starts to warm up, children in Reception class will go outside to do PE so they will need to bring black pumps/trainers into school on Fridays with their PE kit.

**Cost of Living Support** - Warwickshire Libraries have been putting packs together to help families who may be struggling. The packs include and hygiene bag for children (shampoo, bubble bath, toothpaste and tooth brush) and adult hygiene bag (shampoo, bubble bath, tooth paste and tooth brush) and a warm bag (scarf, hat, hot water bottle). If you feel this would benefit you and your family, or if you know a family who is struggling, please call in to the library to collect one. There are very limited number of bags available and the library opening times can be found here: [bidfordcommunitylibrary](http://bidfordcommunitylibrary)

**Food Bank** - Please remember that the school are able to allocate foodbank vouchers to any family needing emergency food supplies. Stratford-on-Avon Food Bank will be closed on Easter Monday, 10th April, reopening on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April. They are open as usual, 12 noon to 2pm, on Good Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April.

**Parent Support** - Warwickshire County Council are currently offering a lot of free workshops to support Warwickshire families. Please use the links below to see the wide range of courses which include; Understanding your child, Understanding your child with additional needs, Understanding your child's feelings, Understanding your child's mental health and wellness and Understanding and managing ADHD:

<https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/courses>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-children-and-families-17595309993>

<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-829341009-253>

#### **Clubs Update** –

- There will be **no** Girls Football on Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> April.
- Gymnastics club has now finished.
- Cricket Club for Year 5 & Year 6 will start on Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April and Netball club for Years 4, 5 & 6 will start on Tues 18<sup>th</sup> April. Netball is now full and parents have been notified by email if their child does not have a place.
- Craft Club will start after May half term
- All other clubs will continue after Easter (an email has been sent for Artbase on a Wednesday).

**Date for your Diary** – There will be a *Teacher Training Day* on Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May when school will be closed to children.

**Book of the Week** – Children in Year 1 and 2 have been reading 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. Superworm can fish Spider out of a well, and rescue Toad from a busy road. But who will come to Superworm's rescue, when he's captured by a wicked Wizard Lizard? Luckily, all of Superworm's insect friends have a cunning plan...

We hope you have an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you on Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Mr A Simms