### **Bidford on Avon**





NEWSLETTER 9 – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

#### Dates for your Diary (New dates added in green):

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Assembly (children only)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Art Day (old shirt or apron needed)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – KS1 Village Walk

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Y5/6 Art Day (old shirt or apron needed)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Y6 Art Day (old shirt or apron needed)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Enrichment Day for KS1

Tuesday 19th November - Enrichment Day for Reception

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Maths, parent workshop at 2.15pm

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Enrichment Day for LKS2

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Maths, parent workshop at 2.15pm

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Maths, parent workshop at 9.15am

Friday 29th November - School Disco organised by BSA

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Enrichment Day for UKS2

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – BSA Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performance to parents

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Christmas songs 9.45am to parents

<u>Reception –</u> have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. They had the opportunity to create their own Rangoli and Mehndi patterns. They made clay diyas, took part in some Diwali dancing and enjoyed a food tasting activity. A group of Reception children walked to the Co-op with the shopping list they had written to purchase the items needed. They have also been creating some firework pictures in celebration of Bonfire Night.

<u>KS1</u> – have been working incredibly hard on our new book The Suitcase by Christopher Naylor-Ballesteros. It's been about a stranger who has fled where he lived and had to make new friends. We have found the children have empathised really well with the characters. In addition, homework is being handed out to the children this Friday and is due back on Wednesday. We have introduced our nativity songs and the children are incredibly excited. Well done this week KS1!

**LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4)** – have worked with a fantastic attitude during their first week back. They have been looking at the features of diary writing in English and will write their own piece as though they were in Pompeii during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. They continue to love their Roman Topic with the Year 3 and 4 (Fox class) sharing their work on Boudicca in our KS2 assembly. In Computing, Year 4 (Hare class) have been learning about the importance of limiting screen time and getting enough sleep to balance this.

<u>UKS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6)</u> – have been typing informal emails as Hermes to warn Elliot that he is in grave danger! All the emails have been a very funny read...! They have also been writing a series of diary entries as Mrs Porshley Plum following the events of her attempting to get into Home Farm. In Science, they have been learning about Charles Darwin and have been creating creative fact files on him.

#### **Times Table Rockstars Competition**

Bidford will be taking part in the 'England Rocks' Times Tables Rockstars competition, along with hundreds of other schools all over the country. The competition **starts at 7:30am on Tuesday 12th November and ends at 7:30pm on Thursday 14th November.** Children can log on and play between the hours of 7:30am and 7:30pm on the three days that the competition is running. The class with the best average score will receive a class treat and as a school we are competing against other schools up and down the country. We can't wait to see how much the children 'Rock out!'.

#### Wishes for Walter

You will notice attached to the newsletter is a fundraiser poster (Wishes for Walter) which is running on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November between 12pm – 3pm. There are lots of exciting things to take part in and enjoy at this event and I'm sure there will lots of people there. More importantly it is a great opportunity to get together and support a wonderful Year 1 boy and his family who are having more than their fair share of challenges to deal with. This is an opportunity to really make some wishes come true!

#### **Class names**

It was very exciting on Monday as the children found out the 'new names' for their classes. Last term Mrs Roberts and the school council worked together to come up with Woodland animal names that would be suitable names for classes. The staff had to pull names from a very special bag to find out which class name they had. This was then filmed for a secret reveal at our assembly on Monday. The atmosphere was electric with drum rolls and guessing games to find out these names.

#### New class names:

Mrs Roberts' Reception class	Woodpecker Class
Mrs Ellwood's Reception class	Robin Class
Year 1	Hedgehog Class
Year 1/2	Squirrel Class
Year 2	Rabbit Class
Year 3	Badger Class
Year 3/4	Fox Class
Year 4	Hare Class
Year 5	Bear Class
Year 5/6	Deer Class
Year 6	Owl Class

<u>Book of the Week</u> – Reception have been reading 'Dipal's Diwali' 'It's Diwali and Dipal is excited to share the festival of lights with his little brother. As they celebrate together, Mohan is amazed by all the colourful decorations, beautiful Rangoli patterns and dazzling fireworks he sees."



Welcome back to another busy half term at school. I hope you had an enjoyable half term and you managed to enjoy some quality family time together. As we have come back to school it has been lovely seeing the children settle quickly back into their routines and continue building on the firm foundations of learning that they started the term with.

Next Monday morning, there will be a special assembly in school to remember the importance of Remembrance Day. The children will have a short presentation on what it means and will then have the last post with the two minutes silence.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend

Mr A Morris





# **12тн - 14тн NOVEMBER** 7:30ам ТО 7:30рм DAILY

## PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE!

### 1HR TIME LIMIT PER PERSON!

WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER STUDENT!



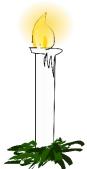












Crafts, games, food and celebration Families with children of all ages welcome. No need to book Free (donation welcome) Come and have some fun For more information email <u>c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk</u>



