

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School

## NEWSLETTER 10 – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024



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

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

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Y5 Christmas singing concert, parents invited 9:30am start**

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

**Reception** – have created some poppy pictures to support their learning about Remembrance Day.

They have also been exploring further the roles of people who help us in the local community.

We have enjoyed sharing the story of Supertato and we are excited to find out more about the adventures of Evil Pea!

**KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2)** – The children have started to learn the nativity songs ready for their performance in December 'Lights, Camel, Action!'. In addition, we really appreciate all of the parents support in supporting the children with their homework this first week. It has been greatly received and praised. The children have also taken part in an assembly about anti-bullying week and have been exploring how we can keep everyone safe at school.

**LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4)** – have had another brilliant week of learning. They absolutely loved taking part in the TTRS England Rocks battle and rocking out! Year 4 (Hare class) have written their diary entries about escaping Pompeii and there were some outstanding pieces of writing! In Year 3/4 (Fox Class), they have started to explore the features of writing instructions in preparation for writing their own next week. On Monday, LKS2 spent some time discussing the importance of Remembrance and how the brave soldiers helped our lives and the world we live in today. Year 3 and 4s history has seen us exploring Roman legacies and the impact they had on Britain, we were very surprised at some of the things they left behind, like carrots and cats!

**UKS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6)** – On Thursday, all the Year 5 children had another visit from Nick Priest, who is running the local TWIN project. His project is aiming to develop a sense of community between Bidford-on-Avon and our twin town Ebsdorfergrund, Germany. The children explored and compared lots of photos of our village and Ebsdorfergrund, which had been taken by some of our students over the summer holidays. The children also created a final piece around 'What Bidford Means to Me'. They had the opportunity to get creative using oil pastels, paints, coloured pencils and cutting and sticking coloured paper. Excitingly, their final pieces will be sent to the students in Ebsdorfergrund along with a letter introducing themselves to their pen-pals.



### **Enrichment Days**

Please refer to the 'Dates for your Diary' section to see when your child has their Enrichment Day. Please send your child to school wearing clothing suitable to carry out PE and forest school activities. For example, jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers. Two out of the three activities will be taking place outdoors, so please ensure your child has a coat in school as well. Please also send your child to school with a pair of wellies in a carrier bag.

### **Cash for Schools**

Do you shop at ASDA? If so, please consider logging in to the ASDA reward app and help raise money for the school.



#### **Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools**

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**1**

Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

**2**

Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

**3**

Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add **£1** to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional **£50** added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

## **Food Bank**

Following on from a previous newsletter, as well as supporting Stratford Foodbank with the reverse advent calendar we would also like to support their book appeal.

At the start of November Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank launched its Christmas campaign and this year they are doing something slightly different. Since April they have been asking for donations of used but good condition children's books for children coming to our sessions to take home with them. They want to continue offering the magic of books to families in Stratford-upon-Avon and the surrounding area this Christmas. They want to gift a book token to each child whose family receives a Christmas hamper. Last year their Christmas hampers benefited 600 children. They need to raise £3000 from this campaign to enable them to give each child a £5 book token.

"We want to focus on this campaign because of the increasing poverty gap, worsened by the recent cost of-living crisis. This means increasingly children are growing up without adequate access to books. The impact of this is enormous and lasts a lifetime. Children who are given the time and resources to become readers benefit from greater opportunities, a better grasp on language, improved self-esteem and empathy as well as increased attainment.

Books are more than a gift under the tree – they bring families together, spark joy and provide comfort in times of stress. Support us in bringing joy this Christmas by gifting a monetary donation to our campaign and help us put a Christmas present under the tree for each child in receipt of a Christmas hamper from Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank."

Here are the ways you can support our Christmas campaign:

Text **XMASBOOK** to **70450** to donate £5. (Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message)

Or visit our Just Giving page at: [Justgiving.com/stratforduponavon-foodbank](https://www.justgiving.com/stratforduponavon-foodbank)

## **Children in Need**

It was amazing to see so many dotty and yellow children today! Thank you to everyone who made a donation and have helped towards this great cause. We are pleased to announce we have managed to raise an astonishing £317! The children across the school had fun learning about the charity and participating in activities relating to Children In Need.



## **LEGO**

If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out and come across any LEGO that you no longer need, we would be very appreciative to receive it. At lunchtimes, we have LEGO stations for children to use to be creative and build amazing structures but at the moment we are running very low on LEGO for them to use.

### **Timetable Rock Stars Competition**

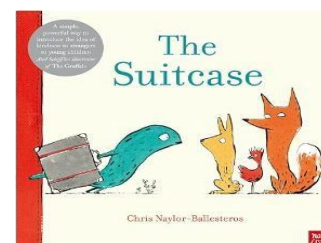
Well-done to everyone for taking part in the England Rocks competition! It was amazing to see the children working so hard and having so much fun in their class sessions! Congratulations to Mrs Satchwell's class for scoring the most average points! They were closely followed by Miss Waters' class in second and Miss Drissell's year 6 class in third. A special mention must go to John Owen, Isaac Mace and Erin Gartrell for being the three Most Valuable Players from Bidford! As a school, we finished 757<sup>th</sup> out of 4493 schools which is brilliant! Keep rocking on everyone!

**Lunch Time Supervisor Vacancy** – We have a part-time/full time vacancy for a Midday Supervisor (MDS). Please call into the office for more details and an application form or phone 01789 773201.

### **Notes/Reminders**

- Please can KS2 pupils be sent in with a piece of fruit for snack time
- Change to Year 3 PE, children in Mr Thackway's class will not have PE on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov and 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, instead it will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Nov and 5<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Children should be in school by 8.55am. The gates open at 8.45am.

**Book of the Week** – KS1 have been reading 'The Suitcase' by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros. A stranger carries 'The Suitcase' into town. He is bedraggled, weary and different. He tells the assembled townspeople that his suitcase carries a teacup, a table and chairs and a kitchen. The stranger is so tired that he rests. What should the animals do? Can they trust the stranger? Shouldn't they check out the veracity of his story while he's asleep? After all, he's carrying a small suitcase.... it can't REALLY carry all that he says it does, can it?



The week started with our Remembrance assembly on Monday. We enjoyed an opportunity to talk about the act of Remembrance and what it means to us all. I was very impressed with how the children marked the two minutes silence. As a school, it has also been lovely seeing our Year 6 children selling the Poppies around school every day and setting such a lovely example to the younger children.

The children within Year 5 have started their work on the TWIN project with both Miss Walters and Mr Priest. This is a wonderful opportunity and you can read more about it in the UKS2 section of the newsletter 😊

It has been wonderful seeing the children looking all 'Pudsey(ish)' as they have dressed in their own clothes to support Children in Need. They have all been so enthusiastic and I think it is really important to be supporting charities within school that are close to the children's hearts.

I hope you all have an amazing weekend!

**Mr A Morris**





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BIDFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Tombola Donations

We will once again be collecting donations for the fair outside school at drop off on the 22<sup>nd</sup> – we would particularly welcome prizes that can be used on our **Tombola** – bottles (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), toiletries, chocolate or sweets, gift sets, stationery and anything else you might like to donate. We would also still love your toys, games, books and festive wrapping paper donations too.

Many thanks in advance for all your support 😊

## CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE

Look out for raffle tickets coming home in book bags – we already have a fabulous selection of prizes, with more being added all the time. Please return ticket stubs and monies to the office by no later than Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December to be in with a chance of winning one of our fabulous prizes :

**Family Ticket to National Festival Circus**

**Osco's Café Voucher**

**Family Voucher for Bounce Session at JMB Academy**

**Artbase Voucher**

**Family Ticket on Evesham Valley Railway**

**Family Photoshoot from Wink Photography**

**Tickets to a game at Stratford Town Football Club**

**Round of Golf for Two at Bidford Grange**

**Boston Tea Party Voucher**

**Blow Dry from Mavericks Hair**

**Christmas Floral Arrangement from Oasis Flowers**

**Onside Coaching Voucher**

**Festive Hamper**

**Bottle of Prosecco**

and more to be added in the coming weeks ....

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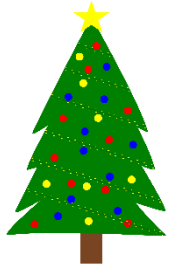
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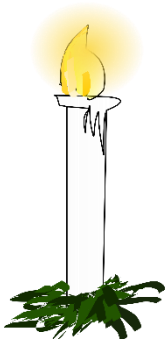
*Christmas is coming*



Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

2 - 4pm

at St Laurence's Church  
Bidford



Crafts, games, food and celebration

Families with children of all  
ages welcome. No need to book

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