

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER 11 – 22nd November 2024



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

Monday 25th November – Enrichment Day for LKS2

Monday 25th November – Reception Maths, parent workshop at 2.15pm

Tuesday 26th November – Reception Maths, parent workshop at 9.15am

Friday 29th November - School Disco organised by BSA

Monday 2nd December – Enrichment Day for UKS2

Friday 6th December – BSA Christmas Fayre

Monday 9th December – Y5 Christmas singing concert, parents invited 9:30am start

Wednesday 11th December – Year 1 and 2 Nativity at 2pm

Thursday 12th December - Year 1 and 2 Nativity at 2pm

Tuesday 17th December - Reception Christmas songs 9.45am to parents

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner and Church service (children only)

Thursday 19th December – Shakespeare Hospice sponsored Santa run

Friday 20th December – End of term (3:25pm finish as normal)

Monday 6th January – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

Tuesday 7th January - Spring term beginning for pupils

Tuesday 4th March 2025 – KS1 Frozen Topic day (more information will be emailed)

Reception – have had an exciting week - they had a visit from two parent paramedics on Monday. They learnt lots of new things about the different equipment they carry on an ambulance. The children got to go in the ambulance and have a look around as well as sitting in the driver's seat and turning the lights and siren on. We want to say a huge thank you for coming in and visit us. On Tuesday the children had an enrichment day. They took part in target practise, cup stacking and yoga. On top of all of this, Evil Pea has made an appearance in the Reception classes, he has been up to no good and has taken a few items from the class. Let us know if you see him out and about!!



KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2) – Nativity prep has begun and we greatly appreciate the parents support in helping the children learn their lines. In class, they have moved away from focusing on numbers this week and learning more about geometry. In their English lessons, they have finished their suitcase story with a letter of apology which the children thoroughly enjoyed writing!

LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) – In English this week, the children have been exploring the features of a successful set of instructions and applying this to writing their own, based on how to build a Roman road. We have discussed the reasons why the Roman Empire fell all those years ago in preparation for the following invaders. In Fox Class, they have started to practise their reading music skills and playing the glockenspiels in time to some backing music - Mr Morris was extremely impressed as he walked past!

UKS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6) – have been learning about the Parthenon (temple of Athena) in Topic and have created their own fact pages based on the information they have found out. In Science, they have been learning about the formation of fossils and how their existence has helped scientists such as: Charles Darwin, develop their theories of Evolution.

Enrichment Days

This week, KS1 enjoyed their enrichment day and took part in an Indian music session, target practise (inspired by the Turkish Olympic athlete Yusuf Dikec and making s'mores with Mrs Moore in Forest School.



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.

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. Closing date, Friday 29th November.

Notes/Reminders

- The school day starts at 8.55am, school gates open at 8.45am
- Change to Year 3 PE, children in Mr Thackway's class will not have PE on Monday 18th, 25th Nov and 2nd Dec, instead it will be on Thursday 21st, 28th Nov and 5th Dec
- Swimming has ended for this term. For the following Wednesdays, Year 4 children to come to school in PE but no swimming bags needed

Book of the Week – LKS2 have been reading 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' by Andy Shepherd.

When Tomas discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandad's garden, he doesn't think much of it. But he takes the funny fruit from the tree back into the house - and gets the shock and delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches!



We have had an enjoyable week where everybody has once again been working hard. We have been continuing to think about Courage within our assemblies and thinking about how we can behave to encourage sharing and understanding with everybody in our school. This helps the children to think about how they can become a good friend and encourage good behaviour and kindness within our school.

Rehearsals for our Christmas production are now well on the way and we are busily planning the start of December as we look forward to all of the exciting activities we have planned. KS1 are busy rehearsing and their singing is amazing! I think they are ready for BGT 😊

It has been really special seeing the creative curriculum in action within our school this week. I have seen some amazing writing within upper KS2 (based around the Greek topic), mind blowing road building in LKS2 (very tasty) and not just amazing singing in in KS1 but an ambulance visit in our reception classes. Definitely a wow week!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and that the weather warms up a little!

Mr A Morris



BSA

BIDFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Friday 29th November – DISCO DAY!!

Tickets on sale after school from Monday 25th

Disco Times are - **Yrs 1,2 and 3 5.30pm-6.30pm** & **Yrs 4,5 and 6 6.45pm-7.45pm**

Reception children will have their disco in school time – no ticket required)

DONATIONS

We will once again be collecting donations for the fair outside school at drop off on the 29th – we would still very 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 (teddies of all sizes in particular), games and books.

Many thanks in advance for all your support ☺

CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE

More prizes have been added to the exciting prize list :

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
Christmas Floral Arrangement from Oasis Flowers
Bottle of Prosecco
Tickets to a game at Stratford Town Football Club
Boston Tea Party Voucher

Tutor Vouchers from Tutor in a Box
2 Hour Gardening Session from Gardening Girls
All Star Parties Voucher
Festive Hamper
Blow Dry from Mavericks Hair
Onside Coaching Voucher
Family Photoshoot from Wink Photography
Round of Golf for Two at Bidford Grange
Family Ticket to the Mad Museum

and more to be added Please return any bought ticket stubs and cash to the office by Friday 6th December to be in with a chance of winning!

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