

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER 12 – 29th November 2024



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

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 10th January – LKS2 Anglo-Saxon Topic day (more information will be emailed)

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

Reception – came to school dressed as all different kinds of superheroes on Wednesday. They took part in a variety of activities including designing their very own super potatoes, looking after patients in a dolls' hospital, caring for animals in the vet surgery, participating in superhero missions, making superhero vehicles using crates and tyres, designing superhero capes, mask and super power wrist band making! We all had a fantastic day. Thank you to all the parents for their support with providing outfits for the children.

KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2) – In English, we have been finalising our learning in relation to our book The Suitcase. The children have written detailed diary entries as though they are the traveller and the children have really enjoyed this. In addition, our R.E. Week about 'Where people go for guidance' has been a really successful with the children exploring who are the good 'leaders' in their life as well as practicing some scenarios of the good Samaritan.

LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) – had an enjoyable Monday with Enrichment Day. This week in LKS2 they have been focusing on mosaics, from evaluating an artist to designing and creating our own. Did you know, the Greeks were the first to create mosaics? The Romans liked the idea so much they pinched it!

UKS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6) – In English, they have read right to the end of 'Who Let the Gods out?' and the story was left on a bit of a cliff hanger as we didn't know who Zeus had opened the door to. They planned and wrote their own continuation of the story. In Topic, they have been looking at the controversy surrounding the Elgin Marbles and have started writing letters to parliament to state our reasons why we agree or disagree with them being kept in the British Museum.

Ogden Science Trip

Some of our Year 5 students went on a science morning to Mappleborough Green Primary School last week and had an opportunity to explore the physics curriculum through practical hands on activities investigating solid, liquids and gases.



Enrichment Days

This week, LKS2 enjoyed their enrichment day and took part in an Indian music session, target practise (inspired by the Turkish Olympic athlete Yusuf Dikec) and exploring den building and the mud kitchen 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.



Poppy Appeal

The House Captains did a wonderful job of going around the classes each day, collecting the money for the Poppy Appeal. A big thank you to our parent's and carers, as a school we managed to raise a fantastic £220.00 from our Poppy collection within school.

Christmas Post Box

From Monday 2nd December, the Christmas card post box will be up and running. Please ensure the envelope clearly states the first name and surname, and the class the child is in.

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
- There will be no celebration assembly on Friday 6th December

Book of the Week – Year 1/2 class have been reading 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl.

Mr and Mrs Twit are extremely nasty, so the Muggle-Wump monkeys and the Roly-Poly bird hatch an ingenious plan to give them just the ghastly surprise they deserve!



This week rehearsals have been continuing for our production in Key Stage 1. It is so special to see the children rehearsing and embracing the opportunity to sing, dance and perform for everybody.

I can't not mention the exciting day that Reception children had this week with their super hero day! It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm, excitement and amazing costumes. Thanks go to our amazing team who made this possible 😊

Behind the scenes we are very grateful for the support of the BSA as they support us with so many things behind the scenes. They are busily preparing for the Christmas Fayre next week and the disco tonight! I have my dancing shoes ready to enjoy 'a bop' with the children who are attending.

I look forward to seeing some of you later for the disco and even more of you next week, for our Christmas Fayre!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr A Morris

CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE

Don't forget to return all sold ticket stubs and money to the office by lunchtime on **Friday 6th December** to be in with a chance of winning.

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
Gift Voucher from Souled Out Holistic Centre

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
Absolute Silver £20 Gift Voucher

... and more still being added.

CAKE DONATIONS

Please bring along any cake donations at morning drop off on **Friday 6th December** – homemade or bought for our Cake Stall – thank you in advance for all your lovely bakes 😊

We look forward to seeing you all at the Fayre from 5.30pm next Friday and thank everyone who has donated so far and to everyone who comes along and supports our festive event – thank you from all the BSA Team x



BIDFORD ON AVON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Fayre

- ❄️ **TOMBOLA**
- ❄️ **RAFFLE**
- ❄️ **BAR & SNACKS**
- ❄️ **TOYS, GAMES & BOOKS STALLS**
- ❄️ **CAKES STALL**
- ❄️ **NERF CHALLENGE**
- ❄️ **CRAFT STALLS**

...AND LOTS MORE STALLS, GAMES &
FESTIVE ACTIVITIES!



FRIDAY

**6TH
DECEMBER**

5:30 – 7:30

WINTER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

If you can't make the date ask for the link to the recording, available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

go to the PARENT page

FREE - Decreasing Depression FREE - Anxiety Explained	25 NOV 20 JAN
What is ACT?	26 NOV, 21 JAN
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Supporting a Child with ADHD	5 DEC, 2 JAN
Understanding Anger	16 DEC, 13 JAN
Facing Defiance	17 DEC, 14 JAN
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	19 DEC, 16 JAN
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	7 JAN
AUTISM: Improving Communication	9 JAN
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN
Improving Family Communication	4 FEB
Introduction to OCD	18 FEB

**FREE
until
JAN 25**



Understanding the Teenage Brain
Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

**Thursday
5th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24**



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

**Tuesday
17th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24**



Facing Defiance
Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course

**Tuesday
7th Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24**



Anxiety-Based School Avoidance
Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

**Thursday
9 Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24**



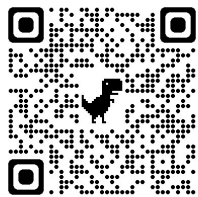
**AUTISM:
Improving Communication**
Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.

Accessing Support

MHST is still open during the Christmas holidays, so if you usually have sessions at school, you can choose to have these online or at your clinic. You can also access support from the websites below:

Rise Crisis Team: for those under 18 who are experiencing a mental health crisis.

Phone number - NHS 111



Childline: get support over the phone, online or from other young people on their message boards.

Website - <https://www.childline.org.uk/kids/>



Phone number - 0800 1111

The first QR code takes you to the website. The second QR code takes you to a chat with a Childline counsellor.



Young Minds: find advice and information on their website or use their text-line for support.

Website- www.youngminds.org.uk



*Feeling worried or unhappy
this Christmas?*



Christmas can be a really exciting time where we get to spend time with our family and friends and celebrate. But what happens if we aren't looking forward to Christmas? This leaflet talks about why children might struggle at Christmas and gives some ideas of things that they can do that might help.

Why do some children find Christmas hard?



What could help me?

Use the NHS "5 Steps to wellbeing" to think about what you can do

Connect

- Spend time with the people you love

Keep learning

- Start a new hobby, learn a new joke or an interesting fact

Take Notice

- Stop for a moment and think about what you can see, touch, hear, taste and smell

Give

- This doesn't have to cost money. You could say something kind to someone, smile or offer to help them

Be active

- Go for a walk with your dog, start a new sport or dance around your kitchen



Talk to a trusted adult - If you are finding it hard to manage your feelings by yourself, talk to someone you trust.



**Charity Christmas Market
in Aid of St Joseph's Catholic Church
on Saturday 30th November
12-4pm@ Crawford Hall, Bidford
SAVE THE DATE**

**Variety of Crafts, Tombola, Knitted Toys,
Embroidery, Children Knitted clothes knitting
Needles and Wool, Jewellery, Art, Cakes &
many more**

**Free Entry
Tea/Coffee and cakes available
Contact Bernadette Rennie for further info on 07748470386**