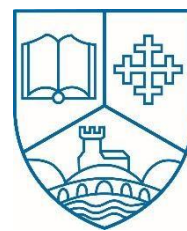


# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School

## NEWSLETTER 13 – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024



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

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

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 and 2 Nativity at 2pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 and 2 Nativity at 2pm

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

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

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Shakespeare Hospice sponsored Santa run

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

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Spring term beginning for pupils

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – LKS2 Anglo-Saxon Topic day (more information will be emailed)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices concert

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Reception phonics workshop at 2.15pm (more information to follow)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Reception phonics workshop at 9.15am (more information to follow)

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Reception space theme dress up day (more information to follow)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school

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

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World book day (Theme/focus TBC)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Comic Relief Day

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Non uniform Day (chocolate donation)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April until 11 April – Book Fair

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Bingo

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – UKS2 WWII Trip

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April – LKS2 Topic Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Eggstravaganza activities

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Break up for Easter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

**Reception** – have been busy with their Christmas preparations. They have been reading the story of Stickman by Julia Donaldson and are in the process of creating a big picture of a winter scene from the story on the display board in the corridor. They have made some Christmas tree decorations and are working really hard at practising our Christmas songs. In maths, they have been exploring different patterns on clothing.

**KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2)** – have been busy making their decorations for the village and school Christmas tree. The children have enjoyed learning about the theme of winter and seeing the different changes in our seasons. They have written a selection of SNOWFLAKE acrostic poems as well as making some beautiful snowflakes.

**LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4)** – have had a fantastic week and have got into the Christmas spirit by making their Christmas tree decorations. In English they have been writing setting descriptions, using 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs. They used their senses, strong adjectives and figurative language to write some super pieces. Fox class and Hare class then used the Chrome books to type up their work. Year 4 have had an amazing week in Maths, solving lots of problems. They showed resilience, creativity and a desire to find the solutions!

**UKS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6)** – have been busy making gingerbread this week for their Young Enterprise and DT project. The children began by researching the cost of their ingredients and compared different supermarket prices. After that, they carefully designed, baked and decorated their gingerbread, which they will be selling at our Christmas Fayre in order to raise money for the Year 6 leaver's party - so come and support them at the school fayre - Miss Drissell said, they are really good and has even taste tested them herself! An extra big thank you to: Mrs Connolly, Mrs Pound, Mrs Eaves, Mrs Speight and Mrs Thomas for all their help.



### **Enrichment Days**

This week, UKS2 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. Fun was had by everyone and the dances moves were particularly fantastic.

### **BSA panto**

We would like to say a huge thank you to the BSA who paid for a surprise pantomime to take place in school for all the children to enjoy. The laughter coming from the hall was lovely to hear as they enjoyed watching the story of Scrooge – Christmas Carol.



### **Christmas Post Box**

The Christmas card post box is now up and running. Please ensure the envelope clearly states the child's 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
- **Mrs Satchwell/Mr Batts class** will be having PE on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December instead of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December (for this week only) PE kits to be brought in a bag to change into
- If your child vomits or has diarrhoea, please keep your child off school for 48 hours from the last episode

**Book of the Week** – Year 2 have been reading 'The Snowflake' by Benji Davis. High, high up in the clouds a tiny snowflake is made. Perfectly small, fluffy, crystal and white, it tumbles and bounces inside the cloud. But then she begins to fall...



It has been a really busy week with the preparation for the productions in readiness for the shows next week. I have been 'blown away' by the amazing performances that we have already seen/heard. You are in for a real treat!

I am looking forward to the Christmas Fayre later this evening (5:30-7:30) where we will all be able to join as a community to celebrate Christmas and also raise some funds for the school. A huge thanks to our BSA who have worked tirelessly to make this event a success. I would also like to thank them for funding the production of 'Christmas Carol' that the children enjoyed this morning. They all thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to watch live theatre that both kept them fully engaged and involved in the story.

We have a very busy end to the term with lots to look forward to, such as the KS1 Christmas Production, Carol service, Christmas lunch and lots more festive fun!

I look forward to seeing some of you later today or tomorrow for the German market where some of our KS2 children will be singing.

Have a wonderful festive weekend!

Mr A Morris

# DONATE HERE MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH

- Washing up liquid
- Tinned rice pudding
- UHT fruit juice
- Deodorant
- Squash
- Tinned chicken meals
- Tinned spag bol.
- Pasta sauce
- Honey

# THANK YOU



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# **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

**Sat 14th & Sun 15th Dec  
Noon - 6pm  
at St Laurence's Church  
Bidford B50 4DA**

**Community Choir,  
Raffle, Refreshments**

**Adults £4, 12-17 £1  
Under 12s Free**