

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 2 – 15th September 2023

Self-Awareness - Key Stage 1 had an assembly this week focusing on our Autumn term value of self-awareness. We talked about how anyone can aspire to achieve their goals in life, whether it's becoming a fire fighter, nurse, builder or librarian. These are just a few examples that the children shared of what they want to become when they are older.

Stone Age Day - Children in Y3& Y4 had a topic launch day last week and pupils came into school in a variety of amazingly realistic Stone Age costumes. They took part in various activities which included building Stonehenge from biscuits, learning about Stone Age jewellery and then making their own necklace, as well as looking at art from the Stone Age and then producing their own cave style artwork.

Contact Details & Consent (GDPR) –Data Collection sheets have been sent out this week. Please check the details carefully and amend as required. It is important that we have up to date contact information and safeguarding regulations require us to have at least **2** emergency contacts. Please remember to sign the form on the back page. All signed forms should be returned by **Monday 18th Sept.** Our Privacy Notice detailing how we use information about children is on our school website.

Warwickshire Safeguarding - Warwickshire's Young People's Forum - IMPACT want to help schools understand what school is like for children and young people and what could help make this better. This survey is for all Warwickshire children and young people, but with a keen interest in the views of those who have support needs. To help gather views, young people have developed some questions which they would love you to answer. - <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolexp>

Please offer support to your child to record their views. The survey is open until October half-term 2023.

School Meals – The price of a school meal is **£2.50** for children in KS2 and are free for children in Reception & KS1. Families of children entitled to income dependent free school meals should still register so that we can claim **Pupil Premium of up to £1385** to help support your child in school. Please go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to apply or contact us in confidence for further information.

Delibags are available for children in Reception and KS1. These must be ordered at morning registration and orders cannot be changed at lunchtime. School meals are ordered at registration each morning so please ensure your child is familiar with the menu choice before coming into school. Menus can be found on the school website.

Bellboating – The Year 5 and 6 children will be going bellboating w/c 18th September and should come to school wearing plenty of layers – t-shirt/sweatshirt/fleece/joggers/tracksuit (not jeans) with a rain jacket (and waterproof trousers if they have some). Children will need to bring a packed lunch and should also bring spare clothes in a carrier bag. Mrs Satchwell's class – Monday 18th, Miss Waters Class Tuesday 19th & Mrs Mills' class Thurs 21st.

Volunteers – We are always grateful for volunteers to come and help support us with activities e.g. reading, sewing, school trips. If you would be able to help us please call into the school office. A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check would be required.

School Admissions – If you have a child moving to Secondary school from September 2024 applications need to be made by 31st Oct 2023, you may find the following information from School Admissions helpful:

- Parent guide - providing guidance to parents to help decide and apply for a school place <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-1980322935-2186>
- Video animation for parents <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7yVvgN9tAs>

St Benedicts open evening clashes with our PGL trip. They have given us another date of Tuesday 3rd October at 4pm which is for Y6 Bidford Parents only.

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.

Online Payments - We are introducing School Gateway to Bidford-on-Avon Primary School – a parent engagement app that will allow you to make payments and for us to communicate with you.

Please download the app by searching [School Gateway](#) in your App store or download using the links below.

Apple iPhone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload

Android phone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information that we already have for you, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details on the data collection sheet that was sent home recently.

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site here: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/> or contact the school office.

You can also login to the online version of School Gateway via this site if you do not have a smart phone, although we do recommend using the app.

Payments will appear as Parent Pay on your bank statements.

Book of the Week – Children in UKS2 are reading “Tuesday” by David Wiesner. In this ingenious and imaginative - nearly wordless - picture book, frogs in a pond lift off on their lily pads and fly to a nearby town where they zoom through a woman's living room, encounter a dog playing in his yard, and distract a bathrobe-clad citizen from his midnight snack. Who knows what will happen next Tuesday?

Mr A Simms



GIRLS FOOTBALL 5-11YRS

10.00AM SUNDAY

BSA SPORTS PAVILION, BIG MEADOW

To book scan the QR Code or visit

<https://bidfordjuniorsfc.co.uk/wildcats-girls-football/>

