

Bidford on Avon

Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 5- Friday 6th October 2023

Diary Dates –

- School Open Evenings for prospective parents for Reception 2024 will be held on Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October and Wednesdays 8th November between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Please book an appointment on 01789 773201.
- Parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday 24th October 4-7pm and Thursday 26th October 4-7pm. Miss Powell's sessions will be 24th October 4-7pm and 25th October 4-7pm. Details of how to book will be sent out closer to the time
- School will be closed to pupils for Teacher Training Days on Friday 27th October and Monday 6th November.

PGL Residential – Miss Drissell, Mrs Mills, Mrs Moore, Mrs van Zyl and I, took 39 Year 6 Pupils to PGL Liddington in Swindon this week. They took part in a number of activities including raft building, abseiling, and archery in the daytime and had a campfire and sport night in the evenings. This was a great opportunity for pupils to develop their teamwork, problem solving and communication skills, overcome challenges and increase their confidence. Parents of children in Y5 have been sent details of next year's trip this week.



Key Stage 1 - Children in KS1 had a fantastic day learning more about the Great Fire of London. They took part in a variety of activities that included making a quill and writing in shorthand like Samuel Pepys and creating a piece of artwork where they had to use straws to blow different colours of paint to create fire. They also took part in a reenactment of putting out the fire, using water and a bucket. They had to work as a team to put the 'fire' out. The children also did some weaving and learnt how clothes were made in 1666. We concluded the day by sharing our learning with the rest of the school in a whole school assembly. Thank you to the parents for their huge effort to ensure the children all looked the part. There were some amazing costumes and we loved seeing the rats, bakers, maids, chimney sweeps and those who even came as fire!

Lower Key Stage 2 – As part of their Stone Age topic LKS2 have been making Stone Age oatcakes, which were delicious. The children are now writing their own set of instructions to recreate the recipe.

Warwickshire Sings – Y4 have been taking part in a year group singing lesson. They are learning the song “Bungalow” and “Janie Mana” which they will be performing in the Summer Term.

House Captain Elections – Last week we held elections for our House Captains. Each candidate prepared a speech which they delivered to their house members. Votes were then cast and we would like to congratulate the winners:

Mars – Isabel & Oscar *Jupiter* – Timothy & Quinn *Neptune* – Maiyah & Emily

Saturn – Noah & Riley

Mental Health Week – We will be supporting the *#hatsonformentalhealth* campaign World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October. All children are invited to wear a hat in return for a donation to raise money for Coventry and Warwickshire Mind who work closely with our school supporting our children and families.

Math workshops – This week, we hosted our first maths workshop for Upper Key Stage 2 parents. Thank you to all who attended, we hope you found it valuable. The next sessions are:

- Key Stage 1 session, led by Mr Plumbe – Wednesday 18th October.
- Lower Key Stage 2 session, led by Miss Drissell – Tuesday 17th October. **Please note change of date.**

The maths workshops will demonstrate how maths will be taught in your child's class so that you are able to support at home and have an understanding of the maths curriculum in the different Key Stages. These sessions will start at 9am and run for approx. half an hour.

Harvest – We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Thursday 12th October and parents are welcome to attend. KS1 will be 9.15-9.45am, KS2 will be 10.00-10.30am. We would be grateful for donations of produce which can be sent into school with the children on the morning. Our Year 5 children will be selling the produce after school to raise money for Water Aid and grocery items will be donated to the Food Bank.

Curriculum Overviews – Children have brought home overviews of the curriculum subject areas that they will be studying this term. These are also accessible on our school website.

Book of the Week – LKS2 are reading "The Boy at the Back of the Class" by Onjali Rauf. There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite! But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help. That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan. . .

Mr A Simms