

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## **NEWSLETTER 6- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

### **Diary Dates –**

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

**Reception Class** - The Reception children have enjoyed sharing and retelling the story of The Little Red Hen which is our Book of the Week. They talked in class about the importance of being kind and helpful and working together as a team. The children were keen to make their own bread and learnt how to make bread rolls. They enjoyed tasting them and the smell of fresh bread across the school was delightful.

**Harvest** – We had our Harvest celebrations on Thursday. Thank you to parents for their kind donations and for joining us. The Harvest sale organised by the Year 5 pupils, raised £97 for Water Aid, a charity who help provide clean water in developing countries. The remaining groceries will be donated to the Stratford Food Bank. We will be selling produce again today under the canopy after school, please put donations in the box.

**Xmas4Schools** - coming home in bags this evening from the BSA team is information about Xmas4Schools, where you can turn your children's artwork into beautiful Christmas Cards, Calendars, Tea Towels and more - please can you return any completed artwork forms to school by no later than **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Hats off to Mental Health** - It was wonderful to see such a range of hats on Tuesday in aid of 'Hats off to mental health'. Each class did tasks and activities based on learning about the importance of looking after their mental health and watched an animation to help them learn more about it, [https://youtu.be/oz1S66\\_pYTw](https://youtu.be/oz1S66_pYTw). With all of your support we were about to raise £190.00 to go to the Warwickshire charity MIND, who have been developing and delivering quality services with, and for, people with mental health challenges in Coventry and Warwickshire for over fifty years. <https://cwmind.org.uk/resources/>. Our EMHP (Educational Mental Health Practitioners), have also put together a one page guide to how to start conversations about mental health. Please see the guidance attached to this email.

### **Free online course**

There are still a large number of online courses available to parents in Warwickshire. The links below are focused on supporting parents with children with autism needs, via the CASS team (Community Autism Support Service). These courses include; Understanding PDA, Talking to your child about Autism, Sensory Processing and Sleep Difficulties and Autism

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/parent-toolboxes-afternoon-1940039>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/ccass-on-demand-information-webinars-930569>

RISE (Coventry and Warwickshire's CAMHs service), are also running a lot of courses including; Understanding Emotion Regulation, Understanding Self-esteem and Understanding Low Mood. Please use this link to find out more and book a place <https://cwrise.com/download.cfm?doc=docm93jjim4n7450.pdf&ver=10045>.

**Math workshops** – Thank you to all who attended the maths workshop so far, we hope you found it valuable. The next sessions are:

- Key Stage 1 session, led by Mr Plumbe – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.
- Lower Key Stage 2 session, led by Miss Drissell – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 in the school hall and run for approx. half an hour.

**School Photographs** – Children have had their photograph last week - orders should be made online direct with Tempest by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to avoid P&P charges. If your child has not brought home the ordering details please contact the school office. Any children that missed the session will be able to have their photo taken in November, date to be confirmed.

**Lost Property** – We have an ever increasing number of unnamed lost items of school uniform that we cannot return to their owners. Iron on name labels fall off easily so please check they are secured or clothing is marked with an indelible pen.

**Celebration Collective Worship** – We always like to celebrate children's achievements from outside of school. Please bring in certificates and trophies for us to share in Friday's Collective Worship by the end of Thursday.

**Book of the Week** – Reception are reading "The little Red Hen" by Brenda Parkes. How will the red hen transform a seed into bread? Follow her step-by-step process from the farm to the table and learn about the value of teamwork. Includes a recipe for baking your own loaf of bread.

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