

Bidford on Avon

Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 10 – 17th November 2023

Diary Dates –

- Children in Reception and Year 6 will take part in the National Child Measurement Programme on Wednesday 30th November -please see the separate email sent on Thursday.
- Our Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performance will be held in the afternoons of **13th and 14th December**. A ticket for each performance will be given to each child. Further details regarding timings to follow.
- Reception children will sing Christmas Songs to parents **on Tuesday 19th Dec at 9.45am** – no ticket is required.

Remembrance – This week our children have been thinking about Remembrance in a variety of ways. In class, children have been learning about the meaning of the Armistice and why we wear poppies. Thank you to all of the children who joined the parade last Sunday and laid a wreath at the village war memorial. Thank you to Mrs Moore and Mrs Deguara for accompanying the children. We have now passed your kind donations on to the Royal British Legion.

Times Tables Rockstars - Well-done Bidford-on-Avon school! The TTRS competition was a fierce one, taken on by eight of our classes. A HUGE well-done to Miss Waters and her year 5 class for scoring the most points. It was an extremely tight contest up until the last minute, with Miss Drissell and her year 4 class finishing only 16 points behind, in 2nd place. Miss Powell's year 3 and 4s finished a respectable 3rd. There were some notable performances from individual children but none-more than Isaac Mace, who amassed a whopping 8527 points! This won't be our last battle and we can't wait for the next one!

Girls Football – Our girl's football team played an away match against Bishopton School on Thursday. There was a great performance from everyone resulting in a 5-3 win. Thank you to parents for transport and support.

Anti- bullying – This week children throughout the school have been learning about positive relationships through anti-bullying sessions in class but also by Hannah from Open Education who has provided the children from Reception to year 6 with an exciting workshop called make a noise for friendship.

Diwali – The Reception children have been learning about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light. They have made clay Diya lamps, taken part in Diwali dancing and created Rangoli and Mendhi patterns. Some of the children walked to the Co-op to shop for the food items that children enjoyed tasting. They wrote a shopping list and remembered to take money to pay for their shopping.

LKS2 – Children have been writing a diary in the role of "Littlenose" (lasts weeks book of the week) after finding Urk laying the snow, they imagined what they would if they were in that situation.

Reception Class Superhero Dress Up Day - Reception children are invited to come to school dressed as a superhero on **Tuesday 28th November**. A letter was sent home in book bags at the start of this half term. Please speak to the class teachers if you require additional information.

Parking – On Wednesday, a child from our school was nearly knocked over by a car on their way to school. Please remember that there is a free car park in Wards Lane behind the fire station, only a short walk away. There is no access to school for vehicles at the start or end of the day apart from a small number of vehicles

where there is a preapproved agreement with school. The gates are managed by our caretaker to ensure the safety of all children and adults.

Head lice – We have had several cases of head lice in school, please check your child on a regular basis and treat as necessary, most treatments require applying again after 7 days.

Wellbeing Enrichment Days – Over the coming weeks, all classes will be having a Wellbeing Enrichment Day. Pupils will be able to experience two new sports and will be participating in a wellbeing task as well. Your child will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on the day they have their enrichment activities. The sessions will take place on the following days:

Wednesday 22nd November- KS1

Friday 24th November- Upper KS2

Wednesday 6th December- EYFS

Friday 8th December- Lower KS1

Nativity – It is beginning to feel festive in school this week as children in Years 1 & 2 learn new songs during their Nativity rehearsals. Tickets for the performances will be sent out next week. If you have tickets that you do not need, please drop them in to the office so that we can give them to other families.

Clubs – There will be no Y5/6 Multisports on Tuesday 21st November.

Reception 2024 – We have recently enjoyed showing lots of potential new parents around our school at our Open Evenings. The school applications window will open on 1st November for children starting in Reception in September 2024. Please apply via [Warwickshire reception 2024](#) by 15th January 2024.

Reminders:

- Children should be in school by 8.55am. The gates open at 8.45am.
- Now that the weather is getting colder (and wetter!) please send your child to school with a warm coat (clearly named).
- Year 4 Swimming – a contribution of £3.82 is requested each week, payable as 2 half-termly payments of £19.10.

Book of the Week – Reception are reading “Supertato” by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. Meet Supertato! The supermarket superhero with eyes everywhere! Whenever the chips are down in the vegetable section he's there to save the day. But now there's a pea on the loose. A very, very naughty pea. Has Supertato finally met his match?

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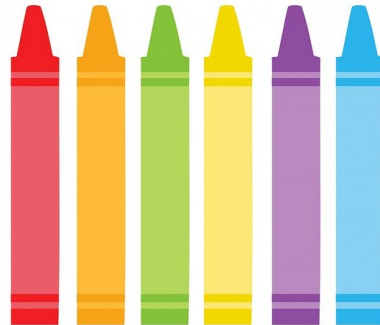


PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS IN
YOUR CHILD'S BAG IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS!

Great prizes to be won!

REMINDER!

Please submit your Xmas4Schools
orders online by 19th November.



FESTIVE QUIZ NIGHT



1st Dec 6pm @ School
**5 rounds including a Christmas
themed round.**
Prizes for round winners.
**Tickets £4 to includes mince pie
licensed bar available accepting
cash & card payments.**
TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY

CAN YOU HELP?

We're always looking for new volunteers to help us continue raising vital funds for the school and keep the BSA going – come and talk to us or send us a message!



Find us on Facebook – Bidford School BSA

Your BSA team: Vickie Owen – Chair | Hayley Stephens – Vice Chair | Adel Kelly – Treasurer | Emma Welch – Secretary | Jason Norledge - Comms



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May 2023

Winter HAF 23/24 Holiday Activities & Food (HAF)

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Department for Education (DfE) funds the Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) programme across the United Kingdom. At its core, HAF provides young people the opportunity to access enriching activities alongside healthy meals over the **main school holidays in Winter, Spring and Summer.**

Please note that this programme is entirely separate from the Local Welfare Scheme's household support funding (i.e. supermarket HUGGG vouchers).

Each eligible young person (in full-time education from Reception to Year 11 who receives benefits-related free school meals) with a HAF code can access a maximum of **4 sessions** over the winter holidays. Families have the flexibility to book with multiple activity providers if desired. All providers can request additional funding for 1-to-1 support if this is required, however this will depend on their staff availability and qualifications. We do have a number of SEND-specific activities which may be a more suitable option.



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Eligible families need to request a HAF Code via a brief online form. This can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf or you can scan the QR code below. HAF codes are valid for the academic year, so if you've had a HAF code starting with a 'W' before, the same code can be used. If you need codes to be re-sent, just send us an email via hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk

For families not in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, we can release a limited number of HAF codes for each delivery period. A separate referral form will need to be completed on behalf of your family, if you're facing a significant financial barrier and one (or more) of the following criteria apply:

- Have an allocated family support worker or social worker
- On an open early help plan
- Your child(ren) acts as a young carer

The referral form is available upon request from a professional/allocated worker on hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk

Winter activity listings will be available online from Tuesday 28th November 2023. Contact providers directly to discuss booking.

Scan the QR code below to visit the HAF website.

Thank you for your continued engagement with the Warwickshire HAF programme. Please contact us directly if you have any queries related to the HAF scheme.



Warwickshire HAF Team



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