

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 11 – 24th November 2023

Diary Dates –

- No Y3/4 football club on Monday 27th November.
- Reception Superhero Dress up Day – Tuesday 28th November. Reception children to come school dressed as a superhero.
- Wellbeing Enrichment Day - Wednesday 6th December- EYFS (Reception). Come to school in PE kit.
- Wellbeing Enrichment Day - Friday 8th December- LKS2 (Year 3 and Y4). Come to school in PE kit.
- Children in Reception and Year 6 will take part in the National Child Measurement Programme on Monday 11th December -please note this is different to the date on last week's newsletter.
- Our Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performance will be held in the afternoons of 13th and 14th December at 2.15pm. A ticket for each performance has been given to each child.
- Reception children will sing Christmas Songs to parents on Tuesday 19th Dec at 9.45am – no ticket is required.
- Tuesday 19th December - KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) Carol Service 2.30pm in school, parents welcome.
- Wednesday 20th December - KS2 (Year 3-Year 6) Carol Service 2.30pm in school, parents welcome.

Girls Football – Our girl's football team took part in a "Just Play" football session on Tuesday, which has been set up by the lionesses who want to leave a legacy of giving every girl up and down the country the opportunity of accessing football in and out of school. They played a number of matches without conceding a goal. Thank you to parents for transport and support.

Science Day – On Thursday a group of Year 4 children attended an Ogden Trust Science day at Mappleborough Green Primary School. They took part in a variety of activities including 'Viscosity Cylinders', 'Cheerios States of Matter', 'Blow-up Balloons' and 'Solid, Liquid and Gas Balloons'. The children learnt about the atoms in solids, liquids and gases and enjoyed taking part in the different investigations and experiments.

Wellbeing – LKS2 pupils took part in workshops lead by the Educational Mental Health Practitioners this week, looking at anxiety, what the warning signs are and strategies to use when feeling anxious. We are also very excited to be starting a Mental Health committee with children from all classes from Year 1 to Year 6 nominating a representative from their class.

Superheroes - As part of their topic about Superheroes, the Reception children have been reading the story of Supertato! They have been making posters with messages and designing traps to catch the evil pea! The children are looking forward to their superhero dressing up day on Tuesday 28th November. If you have any plain pillow cases that you no longer need, please send them into school for us to use. We will be working with the children to decorate the pillow cases using fabric pens, to use as capes for superhero role play costumes.

Nativity – Children in KS1 have been practising the nativity this week, the singing is coming along nicely and they have been very good at learning their lines. Tickets for the performances have been sent out. 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.

English - UKS2 class have been doing descriptive writing using figurative language, about the slums outside of Johannesburg. LKS2 have been researching and writing about one of three endangered animals, the choice was snow leopard, red panda or blue whale.

Reception Disco – Children in Reception will be having their disco on Wednesday 6th November as part of their wellbeing day. They should come into school in their PE kit, they **do not** need to bring a change of clothes for the disco.

Carol Service – Unfortunately, we are unable to hold a carol service at the church this year, but would like to invite you to come and sing along with your child at our own carol service. KS1 will be on Tuesday 19th December 2.30pm and KS2 on Wednesday 20th December 2.30pm. Tickets are needed for both performances and can be collected at the office from Monday 27th November, as there will be limited spaces. The BSA will be selling refreshments and mince pies after both services and they will be drawing the raffle and announcing the winners on 20th December at 3.30pm in the hall.

Y4 Swimming - The last swimming lesson for this term is on Wednesday 29th November, lessons will restart on 10th January. A letter will be sent out soon regarding PE days until the end of term.

Office Staff – This term we have welcomed Mrs Aimee Goode and Mrs Michelle Carr who have joined Mrs Connolly as part of the office staff. We would like to thank Mrs Barbor who has been helping in the office.

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

Book of the Week – KS1 are reading “Goldilocks and Just the One Bear” by Leigh Hodgkinson. Many years have passed since Goldilocks caused chaos at the Bears' house in the woods, but what happens when Little Bear wanders out of his fairytale and into the big city where Goldilocks now lives? Goldilocks is now grown up with a family and a rather smart apartment, so how will she react to coming home and finding that a very lost bear has been scoffing porridge, breaking chairs and sleeping in beds? Will she be cross, or is it finally time to make amends?

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