

Bidford on Avon

Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 12 – 1st December 2023

Diary Dates –

- **Wednesday 6th December** - Wellbeing Enrichment Day for EYFS (Reception). Come to school in PE kit.
- **Wednesday 6th December** – Open Classrooms – see below
- **Friday 8th December** - Wellbeing Enrichment Day LKS2 (Year 3 and Y4). Come to school in PE kit.
- **Friday 8th December**- NO Celebration Collective Worship
- **Saturday & Sunday 9th & 10th December** 12pm-6pm – pupils across the school have been working hard to create beautiful Christmas tree decorations for our school entry to the village Christmas tree festival. Please come along to St Laurence Church to see and support our tree.
- **Monday 11th December** - Children in Reception and Year 6 will take part in the National Child Measurement Programme on -please note this is different to the date on last week's newsletter.
- **Wednesday & Thursday 13th & 14th December** at 2:15pm - Our Year 1 and 2 pupils will be performing their Nativity show. A ticket for each performance has been given to each child.
- **Tuesday 19th December** at 9.45am Reception children will sing Christmas Songs to parents on– 2 seats are allocated per Reception child
- **Tuesday 19th December** - KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) & **Wednesday 20th December** – KS2 (Year 3-Year 6) Carol Service 2.30pm in school, parents welcome, collect your free tickets from the office.
- **Wednesday 20th December** – Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch

Open Classrooms – We will be welcoming parents into school on Wednesday 6th December at 3:20pm for an open classroom session, which will be an opportunity to come and see your child's class and the work they have been producing this term. Parents with pupils in Miss Powell's class are invited on Thursday 7th December.

UKS2 – Pupils are reading "Journey to Jo'burg" as part of their new English unit. They have been focusing on descriptive writing in English and have collected a range of vocabulary describing the shanty towns in South Africa, and have then used that vocabulary to write a description using figurative language and prepositional openers.

In Computing, their topic is quizzing and they have been using Purple Mash to create quizzes aimed at KS1 based on either fairytales or animals, we were very impressed with what they produced.

Superhero Day - The Reception children came to school dressed as all different kinds of superheroes on Tuesday. Pupils took part in a variety of activities including designing their very own super potatoes, looking after patients in a dolls' hospital, participating in superhero missions, making superhero vehicles using crates and tyres, designing superhero capes, mask and super power wrist band making. We all had a fantastic day. Thank you to all the parents for their support with providing outfits for the children.

Christmas Activities - It is lovely to have the Christmas vibe emerging around our school now that we are in December. Wonderful Christmas displays are appearing along our corridors and decorations are being created for our Christmas tree entry for the competition at St Lawrence Church next weekend. Children in Reception and KS1 have been rehearsing their productions and we are busy ordering 315 oranges ready to create our Christingles. **We would like to thank H & M Construction, Bidford-on-Avon for the kind donation of the 8ft Christmas tree that can be seen on display in the hall.** We are looking forward to Christmas lunch on

Wednesday 20th December, and invite pupils to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers and looking festive.

Christmas Post Box - The school Christmas postbox will be taking deliveries of Christmas cards from **Monday 4th December**. Please ensure all cards are addressed correctly with the child's full name and class on the envelope and send into school with your child.

Boys Football – Our Year 5 boys had a football game against Bishopton Primary School this week. They may not have won but their effort and performance for their first game was great. Thank you parents for your support.

Nut Allergies - Several children and staff in school have severe nut allergies. Please help us ensure their safety by not including any nut products in packed lunches, this includes chocolate spread.

After School Clubs – If your child cannot attend their afterschool club please let the office know. We have had a few children not come along this week and we could not contact their parents to ensure they had returned home safely.

Attendance -Parents of registered pupils have a legal duty under the Education Act 1996 to make sure that children of compulsory school age attend school on a regular and full time basis. We believe that children can reach their full potential only by receiving full-time education, through regular and structured attendance. Bidford School expects all pupils to arrive and leave school punctually and to achieve at least 96% attendance. All staff are concerned for the children's welfare and happiness and everyone plays a part in promoting regular attendance and punctuality.

Y4 Swimming - The Year 4 pupils have had their last swimming lesson for this term was on Wednesday 29th November, lessons will restart on 10th January. Year 3/4 and Year 4 will both continue to have PE on Wednesdays and will need to come to school in their PE kits.

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 – Mrs Satchwell's class have been reading "The Nowhere Emporium" by Ross MacKenzie. When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' -- and its owner, Mr Silver -- draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment. Recruited as Mr Silver's apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and rooms -- rooms that contain wonders beyond anything Daniel has ever imagined. But when Mr Silver disappears, and a shadow from the past threatens everything, the Emporium and all its wonders begin to crumble. Can Daniel save his home, and his new friends, before the Nowhere Emporium is destroyed forever?

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