

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



**NEWSLETTER 19 – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**

## **Dates for the diary**

- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** - Parent consultation meetings
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Break up for half term
- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2:30pm** – Relationship and sex workshop for Y5 & Y6 parents
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day (see below)

**Space Day** - 5 4 3 2 1 Blast Off! – Reception had a blast on their Space Day on Tuesday – thank you to parents for your support in dressing your child in some amazing space themed outfits. Pupils took part in a number of activities including making coloured icing to decorate biscuits as planets, creating clay aliens and model spaceships. They made and launched paper rockets and had a great time role-playing inside the classroom space station. They designed their own planets using paper plates and foam mixed with paint. All of the children spent the day immersed in the activities and lots said it was the best day ever!

**Tinga Tinga Tales** – KS1 have been looking at Tinga tinga tales, specifically 'How the elephant got his trunk' which is our book of the week. Based upon animal creation stories from all over the African continent Tinga Tinga Tales brings to life tall tales of how our favourite animals came to be the way they are today.



**Bidford Rocks** - What an absolutely fantastic day - Bidford Rocks! The children loved their Maths activities and especially loved taking part in the TTRS battle. The winning class will be announced on Monday to the rest of the school. Thank you for your support with helping the children look like real rock stars! We can't wait for our next Bidford Rocks event.

**World Book Day** - We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character (no superheroes or football kits please).

**Relationships and Sex Education workshop** - All Year 5 and Year 6 parents are welcome to come along to a Relationships and Sex Education workshop, in which Miss Hickman will be sharing the curriculum and going through the lessons which the UKS2 pupils will be receiving in the Summer term. It will be a great opportunity to ask questions and to understand the terminology and coverage of this topic so you can help answer any questions your children may have after the sessions. The workshop will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm in the hall.

**Mental Health Workshop** - Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Educational Mental Health Practitioners workshop this week. Kirsty and Emma enjoyed meeting you and sharing their knowledge and support around the discussions we had. For those of you who were unable to attend please see the presentation attached, it will also be available on the website. A lot of the discussion was around children's worries and anxiety, and the practitioners would like to recommend a book called 'Helping your child with worries and fears' by Cathy Creswell. If you have any concerns about your child's mental health please always get in touch with our Mental Health Lead – Miss Hickman either by email or calling the office.



**Book of the Week** – KS1 have been reading "How the Elephant got his Trunk" by Andrea Florens. A story about how the elephant got his trunk, that is adapted from an original African folklore tale.