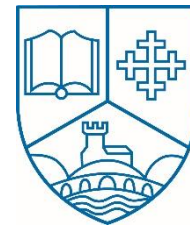


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 20 – 9th February 2024

Dates for the diary

- **Friday 9th February** – Break up for half term
- **Tuesday 27th February 2:30pm** – Relationship and sex workshop for Y5 & Y6 parents
- **Tuesday 5th March 9am**– KS1 Reading Workshop
- **Friday 8th March** – World Book Day celebrations
- **Thursday 14th March 9am** - LKS2 Reading Workshop

Reception - Chinese New Year – The Reception children have been learning about the Lunar New Year and how it is prepared for and celebrated in China. Activities included tasting Chinese food and making dragon puppets. The dragon puppets were used for dancing and the children made their own music using drums and cymbals. The children learnt that they were born in either the year of the dog or the pig.

KS1 - have been working hard this week learning about Sikhs in RE. They have learnt about the 5Ks and how they help a Sikh to live their life, where they worship (a Gurdwara) and the special book they get their teachings from. It has been lovely to see them enjoying learning about another faith and have contributed to some really interesting discussions.

LKS2 - have been exploring the process of soil formation through the story of Roger Rock who ended up as Simon Soil. Did you know it can take up to 1000 years for just an inch of soil to form?! WOW! Year 4 have also been finding out what it was like to build a pyramid in ancient Egypt.

UKS2 - have been writing setting descriptions using figurative language and a range of punctuation. They have been reading *Treason* by Berlie Doherty and the children had to re-write and improve the first chapter: 'drowning'. In topic, they have been learning about Anne Boleyn's coronation and writing a diary about her experience.

Reading Workshops – We will be hosting reading workshops for parents with children in KS1 and LKS2.

The sessions are:

- Key Stage 1, led by Mr Plumbe – Tuesday 5th March 9am in the hall
- Lower Key Stage 2, led by Miss Drissell – Thursday 14th March 9am in the hall

The workshops will demonstrate how reading will be taught in your child's class so that you are able to support at home and develop an understanding of the reading curriculum in the different Key Stages. These sessions will start at 9am and run for approximately 45minutes.

Changes to PE days – from Monday 19th February, Year 6 will have PE on Thursdays instead of Tuesday.

Pancake Race - As ever, there was much controversy and drama during our annual Pancake Race. After consultation with the VAR, although Mr Plumbe was the first to cross the line, Mr Thackway was declared the winner and Mr Plumbe was disqualified! Much to Miss Drissell's frustration of dropping her pancake as she was about to cross the line, she missed out on second and third place, meaning Mrs Flavell and Mr Batts claimed the winning spots.



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

Book of the Week – Year 1/2 having been reading "The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark" by Jill Tomlinson. Plop the Barn Owl is afraid of the dark. He is so scared he won't even go hunting with his family. So his mother sends him down from his nest-hole, where he will meet a series of friends who will convince him that perhaps there is a little bit of magic in the dark after all.

We hope you have a wonderful term break and will see you all back in school on Monday 19th February.

Mr A Simms