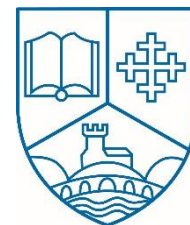


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 21 – 23rd February 2024

Dates for the diary

- **Monday 26th February** – KS1 Enrichment Day. No PE for Y5 (Miss Waters)
- **Tuesday 27th February 2:30pm** – Relationship and sex workshop for Y5 & Y6 parents
- **Tuesday 27th February** – Y5 PE (Miss Waters). Y5/6 PE (Mrs Satchwell) as normal
- **Wednesday 28th February** – Y3 PE (Mr Thackway). Y3/4 & Y4 normal PE/Swimming
- **Thursday 29th February** - LKS2 Enrichment Day. Y6 (Mrs Mills) PE as normal
- **Friday 1st March** - Y2 (Mr Plumbe) PE as normal. **Non uniform day** - chocolate donations for BSA
- **Tuesday 5th March 9am**– KS1 Reading Workshop
- **Friday 8th March** – World Book Day celebrations
- **Monday 11th March** – UKS2 Enrichment Day. No PE for Y5 (Miss Waters)
- **Tuesday 12th March** - Y5 PE (Miss Waters). Y5/6 PE (Mrs Satchwell) as normal
- **Thursday 14th March 9am** - LKS2 Reading Workshop
- **Tuesday 19th March 2:30pm** - Year 1 Phonic Workshop

Spring term theme

Each term we focus on a theme linked to our vision statement. This term we are continuing to look at *social awareness and relationship skills*. The theme is presented and explored in collective worship and during lessons. To support children’s understanding we use the objectives below to teach children what the themes look like in everyday life.

<p>Social awareness</p> <p>Compassion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I understand how other people feel and why they behave the way they do.</i> • <i>I understand (how I am expected to behave in public) how to behave in public and the rules we follow in society.</i> • <i>I respect others and appreciate the differences between people and cultures.</i> • <i>I know how my family, school and local community can help me.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding emotions • Empathy/sympathy • Appreciating diversity • Respect for others • Trusting in goodness
<p>Relationship skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I am able to make and keep friendships.</i> • <i>I mix happily with other people and groups of people.</i> • <i>I can communicate clearly, listen well, share ideas and cooperate with others.</i> • <i>I resist inappropriate social pressure and sort out arguments.</i> • <i>I seek and offer help when needed.</i> • <i>I feel that I am related to something bigger than myself.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Social engagement • Relationship building • Teamwork • Meaning, identity, purpose

World Thinking Day – It was lovely to see so many children in their uniforms for World Thinking Day on Thursday. World Thinking Day is held on 22nd February each year and is a day of international friendship; an opportunity to celebrate across the WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) community. It is also an opportunity for girls to speak out about issues affecting them and their global community.

Reception - The Reception children have started their new topic; ‘All Creatures Great and Small’. This week the children have been learning about polar bears and penguins, and comparing the environment in the Poles to that of their own. The children have made pictures of penguins and polar bears and learnt about how they survive in their climate. To help them understand the purpose of blubber in these creatures, they carried out an investigation using a ‘blubber mitt’. In Literacy the children have been sharing the rhyme Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? By Mill Martin & Eric Carle.

KS1 - have been enjoying their new book in English 'The tunnel' by Anthony Browne'. They have loved making predictions about the story and thinking about what makes a balanced argument. Year 2 have been learning about internet safety and talked about what to do when things appear online that might make them feel worried or confused.

LKS2 – Year 4 have been learning about Howard Carters discovery of Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings. On 26th November 1922, the British archaeologist and Egyptologist Howard Carter, holding a candle in one hand, made a tiny hole in the doorway of a tomb. Taking his first look, he peered through a small crevice, revealing for the first time, the contents of Tutankhamun's tomb.

UKS2 – Year 6 have started their SATs revision and have done really well with algebra so far. In computing they have been using spreadsheets - converting between units using formulas.

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

- 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.

Phonics Workshops – we are also hosting a phonics workshop for parents with children in Year 1. This will provide information about the Phonics Check they have to complete by the end of year 1 and strategies and activities that you can do at home to support their phonic learning.

Forest School –From Monday 26th February Mrs Ellwood's Class forest school day will be changing to Wednesdays. The first session being Wednesday 28th February instead of Monday 26th. Mrs Horsburgh's forest school day will be changing to Mondays. The first session being Monday 4th March. There will be no forest school for Mrs Horsburgh's class next week.

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). Please see the attached flyer for more information about what we will be getting up to!

Access to school site - The school gates are closed at the start and end of the school day to ensure the safety of adults and children attending the school and nursery. The caretaker manages the school gate to limit access to those working on site or requiring access. I appreciate that at times this may be inconvenient, particularly at busy times, but it is to ensure the safety of our children. I would appreciate it if any conversations with the caretaker are done in a respectful manner. Please bring any queries about access to the site to the school office.

Clubs – There is no boys football club on Wednesday 28th February.

Reminders

- Could parents only provide plastic tupperware not glass as we have had two incidents this week of the glass smashing.
- Please ensure no dogs (including puppies) are brought on the school grounds before or after school, even if they are being carried.
- Children are not to wear any jewellery to school and only stud earrings are permitted.

Absences – If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please leave a message on our absence line 01789 773201, Option 1, email to admin3011@welearn365.com or send a message on the school gateway app.

Book of the Week – Mr Plumbe's class have been reading 'Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator' by Roald Dahl. "Did we go too far?" Charlie asked. "Too far?" cried Mr Wonka. "Of course we went too far! We've gone into orbit!" WHOOSH! Inside the Great Glass Elevator, Willy Wonka, Charlie Bucket and his family are cruising a thousand feet above the chocolate factory. They can see the whole world below them, but they're not alone. The American Space Hotel has also just launched. Lurking inside are the Vermicious Knids - the most brutal beasts in the universe! Can Charlie and Willy Wonka stop them from destroying everything?

Mr A Simms