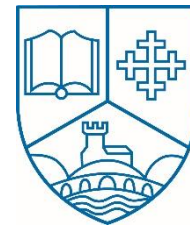


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 24– 15th March 2024

Dates for the diary

- **Monday 18th March** – KS1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
- **Monday 18th March** - Reception vision screening
- **Tuesday 19th March** - LKS2 Reading Workshop 9am
- **Thursday 21st March** – Open school 3:30 – 4pm
- **Friday 22nd March** – Class Photographs. If your child has PE/Forest School that day please send them to school in their uniform with their PE kit in a bag to change into.

Reception – have been learning about dinosaurs. We have introduced some new vocabulary such as herbivore, extinct, fossil and pre-historic. The children have loved exploring the different types of dinosaurs, drawing their own and using shapes and pasta to create some effective dinosaur pictures.

KS1 - have been trying their hand at sewing! The children had to think about an African themed pattern and design their own. Following this, they learnt how to do a running stitch, which was a completely new skill for most children. They did an amazing job and produced some brilliant, colourful products. They should now be able to fix anything you want at home! Thank you to all of our volunteers who came in and supported the children.

LKS2 - have been learning about the process of mummification. They enjoyed wrapping up their classmates in 'expensive linen'. They then went on to learn about the eight steps of mummification. A few gory details included pulling the brain out through the nostrils using a small metal hook and removing the internal organs and placing them into Canopic jars. Fun fact: many Egyptian women shaved their heads and wore wigs to prevent them from getting headlice!



UKS2 – during wellbeing day, the children took part in three activities: card games - where they learnt to play 'Go Fish' and 'Cheat' they also learnt the meaning of phrases like, "Keep your cards close to your chest and have a card up your sleeve". As well as this, they learnt breakdancing where they were taught several moves by a Breakdancing World Champion who has performed in front of the Queen. Finally, the children played Tri-golf, this is a mini version of golf where children used two different types of clubs to hit the ball.

Boys Football Match – Our Y5/6 team played a match again St Mary's Studley on Wednesday. The game ended with a 6-2 defeat. The boys pushed ahead to get some more goals but unfortunately St Mary's were resilient in their defence. Thank you to parents for supporting the team.

Girls Football Match – Our Y5/6 team played a match against Alveston on Thursday winning with an emphatic 10-0 win. There was some great goals and great team performance from the girls. Thank you to parents for transport and support.

Punctuality – An increasing number of children are arriving late for school. The gates and doors are open for children to come in from 8.45am and the bell goes at 8.55am. Late arrivals disrupt all of the children in class and delays the start of the lesson. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time.

Cleaning Vacancy – We have a vacancy for an after school cleaner, please collect an application form from the office if you are interested.

Reading Workshops – We will be hosting reading workshops for parents with children in LKS2 (Y3/4), led by Miss Drissell, – Tuesday 19th March 9am in the hall.

The workshop will demonstrate how you are able to support your child at home and develop an understanding of the reading curriculum. The session will start at 9am and run for approximately 45 minutes.

Classroom Visits – Parents are invited to visit their child's classroom and meet their teacher after school on Thursday 21st March 3:30-4pm. We will dismiss all children as normal at home time, once all children have left the classrooms you will be welcomed back inside with your children for them to show you their work space. Please be mindful this is not a parents' evening but teachers will be available to answer any quick questions you may have.

Clubs – There is no Y3/4 Multisport club on 19th March and no Y5/6 Boys Football club on 20th March.

Book of the Week – Miss Drissell's class have been reading I'm Telling You They're Aliens by Jeremy Strong. Rob worries about everything - being bitten by snakes to dinosaurs waiting round the corner. So when the Vorks move in across the road, he is convinced that they're aliens and that he must save the world!



Spring Term ends Friday 22nd March and we return to school on Monday 8th April.

Mr A Simms