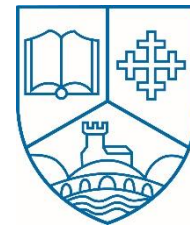


# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



**NEWSLETTER 25– 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

## **Dates for the diary**

- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**– Back to School
- **Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Book fayre (more details will be provided nearer the time)
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday Monday school will be closed to children
- **Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 SATs week
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – BSA school disco (more details will be provided nearer the time)
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Teacher Training Day school will be closed to children.

**Reception** – the Reception children have been discussing special times and learning about Easter. They have enjoyed making Easter cards to bring home. In their number work, they have been learning about 1 more and 1 less.

**KS1** - on Monday, Key Stage One had a fantastic day out visiting Cotswold Wildlife Park. They were able to see lots of the African animals that they had learned about in the classroom and listen to an expert keeper talk about lions, giraffes and rhinos. They were very lucky with the weather and the children behaved beautifully throughout the day. The children saw a range of other animals from around the world such as penguins, snakes, red pandas and wallabies! Thank you to all of our volunteers who came to support the staff and children on the trip.



**LKS2** - have had a Science focus this week of 'Sound'. They have been exploring how sounds are made, exploring the difference between volume and pitch. In English, the children have created persuasive adverts for 'Mummy Busters!' - a service needed by Professor Jelly and Grimstone to find the missing Sennapod!

**UKS2** – Year 6 have enjoyed their music this term based around old school hip hop. Throughout their lessons they listened and appraised different songs by artists within this genre. This week they finished their topic which was based around 'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air', by performing their own lyrics in groups to the backing track of the song.

**Easter Service** – On Thursday at St Laurence's Church, Lay Preacher Rev Allan Steven led the Easter Collective Worship, telling the story of the triumphant arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, his crucifixion and then his resurrection on Easter Sunday.



## **Science Competition**

We have been overwhelmed with the entries to this year's science competition. All of entries were of a very high standard and we can see that a lot of hard work has gone in to all of them. The range of themes was also amazing, everyone's interpretations of the focus of 'time' has been specular. Mrs Satchwell, our science coordinator, enjoyed looking at all the entries and found it very challenging to choose the winners, but after a lot of deliberation here are the results:

**Reception** – Maisie

**KS1** - 1<sup>st</sup> place Izzy, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Rey and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mads

**LKS2** 1<sup>st</sup> place Jake, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Oliver and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Chloe

**UKS2** 1<sup>st</sup> place Ava, Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place Isaac & William and Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> place Noah and Jackson

Certificates and prizes will be handed out next term.

## Big Walk and Wheel

Thank you to all families that have been able to support the Big Walk and Wheel over the last 2 weeks. We have regularly had almost 55% of our children coming to school by cycling, scooting or walking. We have easily beaten last years total number of journeys and currently (Wednesday 20th) we were the 382<sup>nd</sup> most active large primary school from a group of 839 taking part!

**Reception PE** - After Easter, once the weather starts to warm up, children in Reception class will go outside to do PE so they will need to bring black pumps/trainers into school on Fridays with their PE kit.

**School Dinners** – When we return to school after the Easter break the cost of school meals will increase to £2.75.

**Class Photographs** – Class photographs were taken today, please order online with the information given in the pack that was sent home.

**No Dogs** – Please remember dogs are not allowed on the school site, even if they are being carried.

**Clubs** – There will be no boys football on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April and no girls football on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

**Boys Football Match** –Our Boys Football team played St Gregory Primary School on Thursday with a loss of 8-0, it was a difficult match with the stronger team winning. Thank you to parents for their support.

**Swimming** – Year 4 will start swimming again on Weds 10<sup>th</sup> April, payment can be made on the gateway app.

**Music Lessons** – Tuition for the summer term will start w/c 8<sup>th</sup> April, payment can be made on the gateway app.

**Book of the Week** –Year 6 are still reading 'Treason' by Berlie Doherty. They have just discovered that the main character, William Montague, is to be a page to Prince Edward (Henry VIII's son). The children are now having fun exploring what this role entailed by writing a set of instructions on 'How to be a Royal Page'.



We hope you have an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

## Mr A Simms

