

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



Dear Parents

NEWSLETTER 23 – 5th March 2021

World Book Day

It was fantastic to see everyone who dressed up for World Book Day this week, the outfits were amazing and it is wonderful to know you were celebrating the day at home just like we were at school. If you were unable to come into school for the book exchange and to collect a World Book Day voucher, you can register online for a digital World Book Day voucher at <https://www.worldbookday.com/digital-book-token/>. You just need to register with your name and email address, your role is *Parent* and Name of School is *Homeschooling*.

Return to School

As we come to the end of the school lockdown, we are so excited to be welcoming back the rest of the school on Monday. This week we have been busy organising and planning for their return, ensuring our school signage is clear and resources are prepared ready - all of the staff cannot wait to see everyone on Monday. We are aware there are going to be a range of emotions from both the parents and the children, and we will be checking in with all of the pupils and ensuring they are smoothly transitioned back into school life. We will be reverting to the operational arrangements that were in place during the autumn term and all the details including start and finishing times are given below.

Our return to school presentation will help you know what to expect -

<https://sway.office.com/RuGWBkD0S8DetT2w?ref=email>

From Monday, attendance is mandatory for all children so please let us know if your child is unwell and is unable to attend. If your child or a member of your household is isolating due to a confirmed or suspected case of Covid 19 please call the school office.

If you have been lent a school Chromebook during the closure period, please return it to school on Monday 8th March along with the charger and slipcase.

Remember to check the school dinner menu with your children as they will need to order their meal preference at morning registration. The menu is available on the school website –

<https://www.bidfordonavon.warwickshire.sch.uk/pdfs/menu.pdf>

PE & Forest School Days

Some of the PE and Forest School days have been moved:

Day	PE	Forest School
Monday	Miss Eyles Year 5/6	Mrs Bond Year 1
Tuesday	Mrs Bond Year 1, Miss Butler Year 5	Mrs Ellwood Reception
Wednesday	Mrs Mills Year 6,	
Thursday	Mrs Hudson Year 1/2, Mrs Walsh Year 2, Miss Powell Year 3/4, Miss Drissell Year 4	Mrs Roberts Reception
Friday	Mr Thackway Year 3	Mrs Hudson Year 1 only

KS2 Instrument Tuition

Instrument tuition resumes next week - please ensure you have made payment for this term's lessons on SIMS Pay and that your child bring in their instrument for their lesson.

Have a lovely weekend and we all look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Kind regards

Mr A Simms

Return to School Arrangements

School will be open to all pupils from **Monday 8th March**. We will be returning to the arrangements that were in place during the Autumn term:

- All pupils will work in their class bubbles and will not mix with other class groups, which means that we will not be able to set pupils for maths in KS2. The 45 pupils in the EYFS classes will form one bubble due to the shared nature of the EYFS area.
- Playtimes/ dinnertimes will remain staggered to avoid crowding and the playground/ dining hall is divided into sections to keep classes apart.
- Children will wear **normal school uniform** (PE kit on PE days - as outlined on the school website). Normal lunches will be available. Pupils should only bring a coat, water bottle (no juice) and book bag, containing their reading book to school. Please remember that toys are not allowed to be brought to school unless teachers have requested this, and that long hair should be tied up and head bands/bobbles should be blue as stated in our school prospectus.
- You will not be able to drive onto or park on the school site – children will need to walk into school.
- Children should only be accompanied by one adult on the school site and all adults on the school site must wear a face covering and continue to social distance.
- Please follow the signage which will direct you to your entrance/ exit points.
- Children should only be brought to school and collected by members of their home bubble except in an emergency. If older siblings are at home isolating, they must not be brought on to the school site.
- Bikes and scooters should not be ridden on site and because of the class bays, bikes cannot be left in the rack.
- Please note that there will no school crossing patrol for the time being.

The staggered entry/ exit times and entrances for different year groups are as follows and a summary is attached:

EYFS (Mrs Roberts and Mrs Ellwood): to enter via the **pedestrian gate** and **side gate** to assemble in the EYFS play area in order to access the class. The gates will be shut between each class entry/ exit time.

- Access to Mrs Roberts' class will be at **9:00**; pupils will leave at **3:20**. Please do not arrive before these times.
- Access to Mrs Ellwood's class will be between **8:45**; pupils will leave at **3:05**. Please do not arrive before these times.

KS1 (Mrs Bond, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Walsh's classes): to enter/exit school via the main **car entrance gate** and the **hall doors**. The front of the school will be divided into three named class bays – children to enter the coned bays where their teacher will meet them and lead them into school.

- Access to KS1 classes will be at **8:55** (do not arrive before this time); pupils will leave at **3:20** from the hall doors and the individual class bays (do not arrive before 3:20).

Lower KS2 (Miss Drissell, Miss Powell and Mr Thackway): to enter/exit school via the main **car entrance gate** and the **hall doors**. The front of the school will be divided into three named class bays – children to enter the coned bays where their teacher will meet them and lead them into school.

- Access to Lower KS2 classes will be at **8:45** (bays will be open from 8:40); pupils will leave at **3:10** from the hall doors and the individual class bays (please do not arrive before 3:05). Please arrive on time and leave promptly to avoid mixing with the arrival of KS1 pupils.

Upper KS2 (Miss Butler, Miss Eyles and Mrs Mills): to enter school via the main **car exit gate** and the **field gates**. The front of the gates will be divided into three named class bays – children to enter the coned bays where their teacher will meet them and lead them into school.

- Access to Upper KS2 classes will be at **8:45** (bays will be open from 8:40); pupils will leave at **3:10** from the field gates and the individual class bays (please do not arrive before 3:05).

If you need to wait between year groups, please do not wait in the bays - wait on the internal school driveway by the red and white barriers or leave the site and return at the entry time.

Please be on time to ensure smooth and prompt entry for each class bubble - if you are late, wait on the internal school driveway by the red and white barriers until the bays are clear – staff will then ask you to come in once the front of school is clear.

Thank you for your cooperation so that we can all remain healthy and ensure that our children return to school safely.

School start and end times and arrangements from 8th March 2021

<i>Class Bubble</i>	Come in to school and exit via		<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>
Rec Ellwood	Pedestrian gate	Side entrance to left of school	8.45am	3.05pm
Rec Roberts/Jones	Pedestrian gate	Side entrance to left of school	9.00am	3.20pm
Mrs Bond/Flavell	Vehicle entrance gate	Hall doors (left side)	8.55am	3.20pm
Mrs Hudson/Flavell	Vehicle entrance gate	Hall doors (left side)	8.55am	3.20pm
Mrs Walsh/Jones	Vehicle entrance gate	Hall doors (left side)	8.55am	3.20pm
Mr Thackway	Vehicle entrance gate	Hall doors (right side)	8.45am	3.10pm
Miss Powell	Vehicle entrance gate	Hall doors (right side)	8.45am	3.10pm
Miss Drissell	Vehicle entrance gate	Hall doors (right side)	8.45am	3.10pm
Miss Butler	Vehicle exit gate	Field gates	8.45am	3.10pm
Miss Eyles	Vehicle exit gate	Field gates	8.45am	3.10pm
Mrs Mills	Vehicle exit gate	Field gates	8.45am	3.10pm

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All adults should wear a face covering while on the school site.