

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Kandinsky Art – Pupils in Mrs Hudson’s class have been finding out about the artist Wassily Kandinsky with Mrs Prestidge. Kandinsky was interested in researching colours and shapes, experimenting with alternating colours and shapes in different combinations. The children have made their own paintings inspired by ‘Squares in Concentric Circles’.

Cricket - Children in KS1 have had a socially distanced ‘All Stars’ cricket taster session today, to introduce children to the core skills of cricket and encourage teamwork. If your child wishes to join a local club, Bidford Cricket Club have an ECB coach giving sessions to children aged 8 or 9 and Wixford & Exhall Cricket Club are participating in the All Stars Programme. Contact them via their Facebook pages for more information.

Covid Awareness - If your child is showing any of the 3 main Covid-19 symptoms: *high temperature, continuous cough and/or loss/change to smell/taste* they should isolate immediately and have a Covid-19 PCR test (and not a lateral flow test). If they are unwell with any of these other symptoms: loss of appetite, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting, extreme tiredness, headaches, joint pain, muscle ache, runny nose, sore throat, sneezing, altered consciousness or seizures it is recommended they do not come into school and have a test if you are unsure. If you or any member of your family have a PCR test, then you all need to isolate until you receive a negative result. Siblings of children awaiting a test result **must not** come into school. If your child receives a **negative Covid-19 test** result, contact the office on 01789 773201 before sending your child back to school. If your child receives a **positive Covid-19 test** result, contact the school office. If a **positive result** is received outside of school hours (including during the weekend and school holidays), leave a message on the school answerphone and send a text to 07591 541444 immediately. We will contact you to confirm the next steps. Please do not use this number for any other messages.

Testing for parents and households of staff and pupils - Households with children at school are able to access rapid COVID-19 testing for asymptomatic adults including those in childcare and support bubbles. Children of primary school age (and below) are **not** being asked to take regular rapid tests. There are [different ways](#) (web link) for a households to collect or order their test kits. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Waiting on School Grounds – Whilst we appreciate that waiting for your children at the end of the day is not straightforward at this time, we are concerned about the damage to the box hedging at the front of the school. Please ensure that your children stay with you and do not run through the hedging to play around on the grass.

Stratford Foodbank – If you are able to donate, the Foodbank’s most needed items this month are dried powdered milk, savoury crackers/rice cakes, bars of chocolate, conditioner, washing powder/liquid, bags for life – new or used. These can be dropped off at Bidford Co-op, Bidford One Stop and Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose & Lidl in Stratford. Donations can also be made to the Foodbank at Stratford Methodist Centre, Old Town, CV37 6BG on Monday and Wednesday 2-4pm and Saturday 9.30-11.30am only. Donations cannot be accepted out of these times.

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Governor Vacancies – We currently have vacancies for a Foundation and a Parent Governor on our school Governing Body. Being a governor is a fantastic opportunity to help with the strategic management of our school. Our Governing Body comprises people with a variety of skills who offer their time to support our school. Foundation Governors need to be a member of our local C of E congregation and Parent Governors need to be a parent of a child at our school. Please contact the school office if you would like to express an interest. We are unable to carry out elections at the present time due to Covid restrictions.

Book of the Week – Children in Years 5 and 6 are reading ‘Journey to the River Sea’ by Eva Ibbotson. In 1910, Maia has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. An eccentric and mysterious governess accompanies her and they both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences.

Mr A Simms