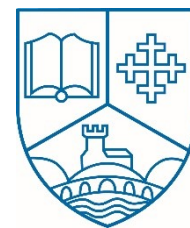


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

New Governor – Congratulations to Vickie Owen who has been elected as a new Parent Governor this week. We are grateful to all four candidates for putting themselves forward for this position to support our school.

Bear Hunt - After reading the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' the Reception pupils decided to go on their very own bear hunt around the school grounds. The children adventured through the long grass, the mud, a forest, some water and even a snowstorm in their hunt for bears. To their astonishment, they discovered lots of bears hiding in forest school. Unsurprisingly, the children were really hungry after their walk and they all enjoyed a teddy bears picnic in forest school eating the sandwiches they had made.

Parenting Support - Earlier this week you hopefully received an email signposting you to a wide range of useful workshops and courses currently being provided for free by Warwickshire County Council via [eventbrite/warwickshire](https://www.eventbrite.com/locations/warwickshire). Attached are some more free sessions you have access to which are provided by RISE looking at supporting children with anxiety, sensory needs, healthy emotional development, understanding and supporting young people who self-harm, school refusals and self-esteem. If you need any help booking on to these courses, please contact Miss Hickman.

The Big Ask - This week pupils across the school have been taking part in The Big Ask. The Children's Commissioner for England is currently supporting the largest survey of children and young people in England asking them for their views about what they think they need to live happier lives. There is also a survey for parents if you wish to take part. <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Covid Awareness –

- As Covid restrictions are eased it is important that we continue to be mindful that the virus is still in circulation and that we wish to avoid the school being the centre for any community spread during drop off and pick up times. Please continue to support everyone's safety by maintaining social distancing and wearing a face covering at all times while on the school site.
- If your child receives a **positive Covid-19 test** result outside of school hours, please 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. If your child receives a **negative Covid-19 test** result please contact the office on 01789 773201 before sending your child back to school.
- For the latest Coronavirus Government advice for parents, [please follow this link](#).

Teacher Training Days – School will be closed to pupils for staff training on the following dates:

- Fri 28th May (half term break is Mon 31st May – Fri 4th June)
- Weds 21st July (the last day of this academic year will be on Tues 20th July)
- Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd Sept (new term will start on Mon 6th Sept)

Book of the Week – Miss Drissell's class have been reading 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar, Bradley is the only one in the class without a gold star next to his name on the wall chart. He doesn't have any friends and that's the way he likes it. Nobody wants to sit next to him at the back of the class, until Jeff Fishkin starts school.....

Mr A Simms