

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## **NEWSLETTER 33 – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Amazon Topic** – Children in Years 3 and 4 have been finding out about the wide range of animals live in the Amazon Rainforest. They have investigated the different types of monkeys that live there and have made life and cartoon drawings before making clay sculptures of different species of monkeys including the Howler, Spider, Tamarin and Aotus.

**Enrichment Days** – In the first week of next half term children will be taking part in Sports and Wellbeing days. Children should come to school in their PE kit on their day:

Year 3 & 4 – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June    Year 5 & 6 – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June    Year 1 & 2 – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Please note that there will be no Forest School for Mrs Bond's class on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Children in Reception will have their enrichment sessions on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

### **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.
- **Positive Covid-19 Test** - If your child receives a positive test with 48 hours of being in school (i.e. before 3.15pm on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> May) please call us on 07591 541444. If you or any of your household receive a positive test which results in you isolating on Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June, please call the school office on 01789 773201 and leave a text message on 07591 541444 .
- For the latest Coronavirus Government advice for parents, [please follow this link](#).
- Attached is a letter from Warwickshire County Council giving then latest holiday travel guidance.

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

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

**Book of the Week** – Children in Mrs Bond's class have been reading 'Time to Share' by Kate Tym. Twins Polly and Sarah are so rich that they never have to share anything with each other, but the time comes when they discover that they are lonely, and that they can have more fun if they share their good fortune with others.

We hope you enjoy the sunshine over the half term break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**Mr A Simms**

Date 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021



## **Brief Holiday Travel Guidance for Education Settings**

Dear Head Teachers, Parents and Carers,

With holiday season upon us, we wanted to provide a brief summary of some travel related information that will be important in all education settings.

The government has provided detailed instructions and regular updates related to travel guidance for staff, parents and carers to adhere to for traveling outside of the UK. The onus is on us all to ensure that we are following government guidance in the interest of safety for everyone at school. We encourage parents to inform education settings of travel, though this is not a requirement.

The government has provided Red, Amber and Green Lists of Countries. These lists are regularly updated and can be checked using the below link for current information.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>

**Red List Countries** – Pupils/Staff should not travel to red list countries. Pupils/Staff returning from red list destinations will be quarantined in a managed hotel for the duration of their isolation period.

**Amber List Countries** – Pupils/Staff should not travel to amber list countries. Pupils/Staff returning from amber list destinations will be required to isolate at home for 10 days, unless they opt to do a day 5 test to release. In the case of a test to release, though not advised, pupils/staff will be allowed to attend school after receiving a negative test result but will still be required to take a PCR test on or after day 8. Please note that some countries on this list are for essential travel only.

**Green List Countries** – Pupils/Staff returning from green list countries will be required to take a PCR test on or before day 2 after they arrive into the UK. They do not need to quarantine unless the test result is positive.

Pupils ages four and under do not need to take a PCR test on arrival into the UK and will not be required to take day 2 and day 8 tests.

### **A link to step by step guidance:**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

### **School Attendance**

The DfE advise that parents should plan their holidays within school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school during term time. Families should also consider that their child may need to self-isolate following trips overseas that require a period of quarantine.

**This guidance is subject to change in line with government guidance.  
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