

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 5 – 8th October 2021

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Mental Health Week – Thank you for supporting the Coventry and Warwickshire Mind #hatsonformentalhealth, we managed to raise over £200. Over the week, the children have been learning about Mental Health and ways to look after themselves, such as regular exercise, talking about their emotions and breathing techniques. Some of our KS2 pupils also had workshops delivered by our Educational Mental Health Practitioners and these will continue on Monday for the classes yet to be visited.

School Photographs – Children have had their photograph taken today by Tempest Photography. Orders should be made online direct with Tempest by Fri 22nd October to avoid P&P charges. If your child has not brought home the ordering details please contact the school office. Any children that missed the session will be able to have their photo taken on Thurs 4th Nov.

Safety Outside School - We have had several near misses outside school with children and cars, and this morning a child was almost hit by a car. If you are driving your child to school, please park and walk your child in school using the school crossing rather than crossing the road between cars.

Harvest – As we are unable to hold our traditional Harvest Festival this year we would like to collect donations for Stratford Food Bank, who have helped to support a lot of our families throughout the last 18 months. We usually send any money we collect to Water Aid so alternatively a cash donation can be made. Please send your child to school with your donation – either tinned, packet or cash (please do not send fresh produce) on Thurs 14th Oct. All donations will be gratefully received.

Closure of Footpath - The footpath from Bramley Way to Marleigh Park will be closed 11th & 12th Oct for the replacement street lights – a diversion will be in place.

Behaviour Workshops Warwickshire are still providing a number of free workshops to families, including understanding children's behaviours, sleep hygiene and boundaries and routines. Please use the link to book - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-children-and-families-17595309993>.

First Day at School – The recent Reception class photos have been published in the Stratford Herald this week.

Covid Arrangements

- If your child is unwell, they should remain at home until they are better. A PCR test should be taken if they are displaying Covid symptoms.
- 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.
- If your child displays symptoms of Covid in school, we will take their temperature and test their sense of smell before phoning you to come and collect them if we feel it is necessary.

Morrison's Free Gardening Equipment for school – We are collecting "Grow Tokens" from Morrison's. Each time you use your MyMorrison's card until 24th Oct you will get one token for every £10 spent. Tokens can be donated straight to our school via the MyMorrison's app or website.

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Diary Dates -

- School Open Evenings for prospective parents for Reception 2022 will be held on Tues 12th & Weds 13th Oct and Tues 2nd & Wed 3rd Nov between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Please book an appointment on 01789 773201.
- Parents' Evenings will be held on Tues 19th and Thurs 21st Oct, please book an appointment online through Pay360. The booking system will close at 10am on Fri 15th Oct. Please contact the office if you need a new activation code.
- Teacher Training Day will be held on Fri 22nd Oct.

Book of the Week – Miss Sheehan's class have been reading "The 100 Mile an Hour Dog" by Jeremy Strong. Trevor's mum has offered him £30 to walk the dog every day of the holidays. But Streaker is no ordinary dog - she's a rocket on four legs with a woof attached.....!

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