

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 6 – 15th October 2021

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Harvest – On Thursday Rev Walker led our ‘virtual’ Harvest Service with all our children. Harvest is a time for celebrating abundance and giving thanks for all the good gifts we have received. We are also reminded of the importance of looking after those in need and would like to thank you for your generous donations to support Stratford Food Bank as part of this celebration of God’s provision and goodness.

Gardening - The Reception children have been busy gardening in their outdoor area. The potatoes and carrots that were planted last year have been harvested and the children have planted some winter pansies along with daffodil, iris, hyacinth and crocus bulbs. We are looking forward to seeing them grow.

Black History Month – October is Black History Month and in our assemblies this week we have looked at the significant contributions that Black people have made in the history of our nation and society. It is important to celebrate the contributions of everyone in our society and support the multiculturalism and diversity that helps shape our communities.

Open Evenings – This week we were pleased to be able to welcome potential parents into Bidford school to show them around and share with them examples of pupils works, as well as telling them all about the ethos, learning and activities that take place across the year groups. It was lovely to hear their positive feedback and we look forward to welcoming lots of new faces in September. Applications for places in Reception 2022 should be made online via <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions> by 15th Jan 2022.

Coming into School – From Mon 18th Oct children in Reception and KS1 should be dropped off at the small green gate by the Reception playground. Reception children will then walk into the classrooms independently and KS1 will walk to the main playground and into school through the corridor entrance. Any messages for class teachers should be sent in with your child or you can write a ‘yellow note’ in the office foyer.

Y6 PE – Mrs Mills’ Class will be having PE on Thurs 21st Oct, please send your child into school in their PE kit.

Clubs Update – There will be no Young Voices Club on Thurs 21st Oct as it is Parents evening; Multisport Club will go ahead as normal.

Reminders:

- *School Photographs* – 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.
- *Fire Safety Calendar Competition* – The deadline for entries is Thurs 21st Oct – details were in the 1st Oct newsletter.
- We are collecting “*Grow Tokens*” from *Morrisons*. Tokens can be donated straight to our school via the MyMorrisons app or website

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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.

Cycling Activities – Please visit <https://www.bikeright.co.uk/sponsors/warwickshire/> for details of free cycle sessions at Stratford Recreation Ground for students in Warwickshire, for non-riders with stabilisers up to experienced riders.

Diary Dates -

- School Open Evenings for prospective parents for Reception 2022 will be held on Tues 2nd & Wed 3rd Nov between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Please book an appointment on 01789 773201.
- Teacher Training Day will be held on Fri 22nd Oct – school will be closed to all children.

Book of the Week – Reception class have been reading “Owl Babies” by Martin Waddell. When three baby owls awake one night to find their mother gone, they can't help but wonder where she is. So they sit on a branch and wait..... Unsurprisingly, a joyous flapping and dancing and bouncing greets her return!

Mr A Simms