

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 7 – 21st October 2021

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

House Captain Elections – This week we held elections for our House Captains. Each candidate prepared a speech which they delivered to their house members via Teams. Votes were then cast for a boy and a girl in each house. We would like to congratulate the winners:

Mars – Emma, Ben & William

Jupiter - Lily & Jack

Neptune- Riley & Tallulah

Saturn – Alice and James

Egyptian Topic – Children in Years 3 and 4 have been finding out about the Egyptian pyramids and how they were built to be used as tombs for the burial of the Pharaohs and their treasures. They discovered that each Pharaoh wanted their pyramid to be the largest and that the biggest ones were made from more than 2 million blocks of limestone.

New School Meal Option – From Mon 1st Nov all children will have the option of a Jacket Potato with various toppings (cheese, beans & tuna) served with salad or vegetables. It will be the same cost as a hot school meal.

Parking - Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking near school. Do not block access or Junctions and do not park on or opposite the zigzags. Please turn off your engine while you are parked. The free car park in Wards Lane is only a short walk away.

Autism Support – Workshops for parents of autistic children are being held by CASP. The programme comprises 4 x 3-hour sessions over a 4-week period facilitated by autism professionals who are also parents and will enable parents to further understand their child's lived experience. All sessions are FREE (£50 charge for DNAs or cancelling within 48 hours of the course). For more information, dates and to complete a booking form please contact Julie Hampton at julie@actforautism.co.uk .

Reminders:

- **School Photographs** – Orders should be made online direct with Tempest by Fri 22nd October to avoid P&P charges. Any children that missed the original session will be able to have their photo taken on **Tues 2nd Nov** – (please note revised date)
- The deadline for **secondary school applications** for Year 6 children is 31st Oct. Please submit your application via the online parent portal at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions .
- **Reading books** in KS1 are changed on Tuesdays – please ensure books and the signed reading record are sent in in this day.

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.

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- 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.

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.

Book of the Week – Pupils in Miss Drissell’s and Miss Sheehan’s classes are reading ‘Charlie Changes into a Chicken’ by Sam Copland. Charlie can change into animals - all sorts of animals. But the trouble is, he can't decide when - it only happens when he gets worried. Even though every kid wants a superhero power, Charlie isn't keen on changing into a chicken in the middle of the school play.....

We hope you have a good half term break and we look forward on seeing everyone on Monday 1st Nov.

Mr A Simms