

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## **NEWSLETTER 10 – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Anti-bullying Week** - This week we have been participating in activities to highlight Anti-bullying week. As a school we promote this all year round, but have taken this week to really focus on our roles and responsibilities. Using resources from Anti-bullying alliance, we have focused on the theme of 'one kind word' and the ripple effect that one positive word or action can have on those around us. We are encouraging all our pupils to remember this at school and at home, from thinking about random acts of kindness to even just sharing a smile.

**Police Visit** - The Reception children had an exciting morning this week when two police officers visited them this week. They learnt all about the role of police officers, the equipment that they carry with them and tried on parts of the uniform themselves. They particularly enjoyed sitting in the front of the police van and pressing the button for the siren. The police officers gave the children some road safety resources to take home with them.

**Mental Health and Well Being** - In school we use a scheme called 1decision to support teaching PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education), the scheme covers many aspects including keeping safe and healthy, feelings and emotions and being responsible. 1decision has been working to find ways to support families at home, especially with the impact of COVID. They are now ready to launch their new App called RainbowSmart which supports managing emotions, developing empathy, solving problems, managing stress, behaving appropriately, creating healthy relationships, developing resilience and a lot more. They are currently offering a 7 day free trial and some activities will be free to access all year round.

**Flu Immunisations** – The School Health team will be giving Flu immunisations in school on Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Nov where parents have given their consent. Bookings for the school session has now closed but children can attend a local clinic venue via the Swiftqueue link <https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/userlogin.php>

### **Covid Arrangements**

- *Since the half term break we have had 14 children test positive for Covid* – 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.

**Book of the Week** –Miss Powell's class have been reading "The Christmasaurus and the Naughty List" by Tom Fletcher. This is a collection of stories about mischievous children learning the error of their ways, but it is also about sharing the true spirit of Christmas and realising that sometimes things aren't quite as they first appear...

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