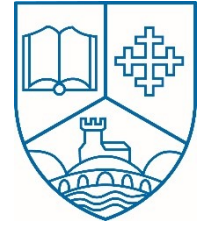


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 11 – 26th November 2021

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Ancient Egypt – Children in Years 3 and 4 have been learning about mummification. The process was an important part of the Ancient Egyptian life cycle. There were steps to follow in order to complete the mummification process properly and in order for the body and soul to be united once again. The children enjoyed a practical demonstration using rather a lot of toilet rolls in the process!
Children in Years 5 and 6 have looked at the importance of the Nile. Taking the role of different Ancient Egyptians, the children wrote speeches about why they should look after the River Nile and how it is important to the environment.

Computing - Over the past few weeks, children in years 5 and 6 have been learning about cryptography. They have cracked codes, looked at using semaphores and Morse Code. This week they have been finding out how Caesar Cyper works - the children have really enjoyed exploring the topic.

Tree Planting – On Thursday, Mrs Moore and a group of KS2 children helped Wendy Shaddick and her community team plant over 100 tree saplings into pots. The trees will be planted around the village next year, as part of our village's 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' initiative.

Superhero Day – Reception children enjoyed celebrating Superheros on Thursday. They made superhero masks, got involved with making obstacle courses and superhero vehicles using crates and tyres. The children also put together a circuit to make a light bulb light up using their super powers.

Clubs Update – There will be NO Girls football on Tues 30th Nov.

Tiktok Guidance for Parents – The following link gives advice from Tiktok on managing your child's screen time, limiting who they receive direct messages from and restricting access to inappropriate content:
<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/tiktok-controls>

Year 4 Swimming – The last swimming for this term was on Weds 24th Nov - please continue to send your child into school in their PE kit as children will be having PE with Mr Isherwood. Swimming restarts on Weds 5th Jan.

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 – Reception have been reading the story of "Supertato" by Sue Hendra . Supertato is always there for you when the chips are down. He is the supermarket superhero with eyes everywhere - but now there is a pea on the loose. A very, very naughty pea. Has Supertato finally met his match?

Mr A Simms