

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## NEWSLETTER 14 – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Egyptian Art** - Children in Years 5 and 6 have been creating a cartouche of their names using hieroglyphics. A cartouche is a carved tablet or drawing representing a scroll with rolled-up ends that is used for writing an inscription.

### **Christmas Activities**

- On Wednesday morning, Rev Peter Walker led our school Christmas Service. Although it was a virtual service held on Teams, we were able to come together as a school community and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.
- Mrs Fisher and her team cooked and served nearly 280 Christmas lunches to pupils and staff on Wednesday. Thank you to the BSA for funding the lunches for the KS2 children.
- After Christmas lunch we had a surprise visit from a certain man dressed in red and two of his elves – the children were extremely excited and they were all given a gift from the BSA.
- Children also took part in our Christingle Service using the Christingles that they had made in class. Each part of the Christingle holds special symbolism to help children understand the importance of Jesus and the Gospel, and its relevance at Christmas time. The orange represents the world, the red tape symbolises the love and blood of Christ and the lit candle represents Jesus as the light of the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness. Thank you to Bidford Co-Op for providing us with 315 oranges!
- For their DT project pupils in Years 5 and 6 have designed Santa sleighs. Children have looked at a range of designs and used their research to create their own. They are moving toys with an electrical circuit and when they are finished, we will be racing them in the hall.

### **Clubs Update:-**

- Football Clubs for Year 3 & 4 boys, KS2 girls and Year 5 & 6 boys will restart w/c 10<sup>th</sup> Jan.
- Multisports Club has now finished, lookout on the newsletter in January for details of the new club.
- French Club continues on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. To book contact Nedia via [French Club](#).

### **Online Safety**

Many parents may be buying consoles and other devices which allow children to access the internet. Advice about how to keep your child safe is available on [Internet Matters](#) and there are a number of other sources for guidance on the safeguarding page of our school website. All games have a PEGI rating and this determines the age of their intended audience - see [PEGI](#) for more information. The Government are also advising parents to discuss with their children the dangers of accessing inappropriate adult material if they have a smartphone, and that they should provide a suitable firewall to protect them.

### **Covid Arrangements**

- **ALL** visitors that come into the school building should **wear a face covering**.
- 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.

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### **Dates for your Diary**

- *St Laurence Church services* this year are: 9 Lessons & Carols 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am, Crib Service 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec at 4pm & Family Communion 25<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am - everyone welcome.
- The *Bidford Panto* team are performing 'Snow White and the Socially Distanced Dwarfs' on Fri 31st Dec/Sat 1st Jan/ Sun 2nd Jan at the Crawford Hall. Details and tickets available at [Bidfordpanto.com](http://Bidfordpanto.com)
- Applications for *school places for Reception 2022* should be made online by 15<sup>th</sup> Jan via the following link <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions> .
- Our first *Educational Mental Health Practitioners (EMHP) coffee morning* will be held on Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Jan (see last week's newsletter).
- There will be *Teacher Training Days* on Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan and Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May.

**Book of the Week** – We always enjoy 'The Night before Christmas' by Clement Moore. This traditional poem from 1822 is a lovely story that captures the wonder and excitement of waiting for St Nicholas.

On behalf of all our staff and governors, we thank all of you for ensuring children have attended school regularly and for supporting our social distancing routines. We all wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you on WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Mr A Simms