

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 20 – 11th February 2022

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday was worldwide Safer Internet Day and the theme this year is ‘All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online’. In our Collective Worship we talked about being respectful to our friends online, being kind and supportive and thinking about how our words and actions make others feel. We also talked about asking for support when someone is disrespectful to us.

Child Mental Health Week - This week has been Children’s Mental Health Week and as a school we have supported the theme of Growing Together. We have been thinking about how we have grown and developed over the last year and how we have helped others to grow as well. This has included thinking about goals we would like to achieve, who is around us to help and support us, also thinking about when a friend has been going through a tough or challenging time and how we have supported them. If you wish to think more about this theme at home, this is the link to five ways to grow with your child:
<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk> .

Chinese New Year – Children in Reception have enjoyed learning all about how Chinese New Year is celebrated in China. They enjoyed different activities including food tasting, Chinese dragon dancing, creating dragon puppets and composing music for dance. Pupils have also made fabulous tiger pictures celebrating the year of the Tiger.

Knowledge Mats – Children in Year 1 to Year 6 have brought home a ‘Knowledge Mat’ today, giving key information and subject specific vocabulary about their topic work this term. KS1 focusses on geography and KS2 on history.

Y4 Swimming – There will be no swimming for Year 4 on 16th Feb, due to refurbishment at the pool. Children should come into school in their PE kit as usual. A replacement session will take place on 23rd March.

PGL – The February instalment of £25 is available now to pay on PAY360 and is due by 13th Feb.

Clubs Update Now that the evenings are lighter, all after school **Football Clubs** will now finish at 4.30pm.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy – We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor to work 1.5 hours over lunchtimes (job sharing over different days if required). All applicants will undergo safeguarding reference checks. Please contact the office for details.

Covid Arrangements

- As we continue to have cases confirmed across all year groups, we request that parents wear a face covering while on the school site and maintain social distancing wherever possible. Our staff will continue to wear masks in corridors and communal areas.
- **ALL** visitors that come into the school building **must wear a face covering**.
- Increased ventilation in the classrooms during this cold weather may mean you child wishes to wear an additional clothing layer or bring a small blanket to have on their lap.

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- 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.
- Although there has not been any update to the national definition of Covid-19 symptoms (cough, high temperature, loss/change in taste/smell), please also be mindful of the wider symptoms of Covid-19 – sore throat, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, blocked/runny nose, shortness of breath, diarrhoea and vomiting, and cold-like symptoms. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should isolate and book a PCR test.
- 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 – Mrs Roberts’ class have been reading “The Tiger Who Came to Tea” by Judith Kerr. The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big furry, stripy tiger!

Mr A Simms