

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## **NEWSLETTER 21 – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

### **Tudor Topic:**

- Pupils in Years 5 and 6 have been learning about Anne Boleyn's Coronation, a lavish event that lasted for four days. Children have written diary entries based on her experience before and after the event.
- Children in Years 3 and 4 are using their class book 'My Friend Walter' to inspire them in their literacy work this week. Miss Drissell's and Mr Thackway's classes are writing a property advertisement to sell the Throckmorton family farm and Miss Sheehan's class have written a persuasive letter to encourage Walter to return home.

**Collective Worship** – On Monday we talked about St Valentine and how a story of heroism and love inspired Valentine's Day. Wednesday was 'Random Acts of Kindness Day' – looking at the example of Jesus, our Collective Worship focussed on how small gestures can be made to show kindness and help others feel good.

**World Book Day** - The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Book Day will be on Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> March. As usual, we would love to see all our pupils dressed as their favourite book character, or they can bring in a favourite book to share with the class. KS1 are having a 'Bedtime Story' theme so children in Year 1 and 2 can bring in their favourite cuddly toy. A World Book Day token has been given to your child today to enable you to collect to collect a free book over the half term break.

### **Reminders:**

- The School Health Team will be in school on 8<sup>th</sup> March seeing the Reception and Year 6 children as part of the National Child Measurements Programme. An email has been sent this week to parents with children in these year groups giving further details.
- All after school clubs will be continuing after half term.
- When we return after half term, the dinner menu will be on Week 3.

**Midday Supervisor Vacancy** – We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor to work 1.5 hours each lunchtime (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**.
- 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

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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** – Children in Mrs Walsh’s class have been reading ‘Hairy Tales and Nursery Crimes’ by Michael Rosen. A mixture of rhyme and prose, this book asks readers to imagine what would happen if the Pied Piper turned into the Fried Pepper and the dish ran away with the chocolate biscuits. What does Jack find at the top of the Tinstalk? And will the Silly Ghost Gruff ever get across the fridge?

I hope you enjoy the half term break and we all look forward to seeing you on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Mr A Simms