

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 24 – 18th March 2022

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Tudor Topic – Children in Miss Drissell’s class have been exploring the more grisly Tudor events by writing an authentic death warrant for Anne Boleyn on ‘parchment’ with a quill. Inspired by the artist Shoo Rayner, children have also created detailed drawings of Henry VIII dressed for his ‘Field of the Cloth of Gold’ meeting. Pupils in Mr Thackway’s class have been looking at portraits of Henry VIII, noting how they changed from young Henry to older Henry. They looked closely at Hans Holbein's portrait and noticed what jewels his clothing were encrusted with and how proud, serious and powerful he looked.

Art - Mrs Satchwell’s class have been developing their art skills by drawing moving figures using the oval technique to help them with proportion. First, they drew standing figures and then they challenged themselves to move onto figures running, jumping and even doing hand stands.

Ogden Trust Visit - A group of Year 5 children went to Mappleborough Green Primary School for a morning of Physics on Wednesday. They had lots of fun doing experiments to test the viscosity of different liquids and inflated balloons using vinegar and baking soda to make a gas. They also made strawberry and chocolate ice cream just using ice, salt and flavoured milk – the children said it tasted scrumptious!

Work Experience – This week we have welcomed back three ex-Bidford students from Alcester Academy to do their work experience. We hope their time with us has inspired them to become teachers.

Parking – We have received a complaint from Westholme Court as Emergency Services had trouble accessing a resident as cars were parked inconsiderately in the crescent and on the grass. Parents have also been using their car park while collecting/dropping off children. Any vehicles parked there are at risk of being towed away or issued with a fine. A local resident has also raised concerns about parents waiting in cars with their engines idling. Please consider our neighbours when parking near school – a free car park is available at Wards Lane, only a short walk away.

Clubs Update –

- Young Voices restarts on Thurs 24th March 3.20-4.20pm and will be on every Thursday (excluding Easter holidays) up to 28th April.
- There will be no Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Club on Weds 30th March.

If your child cannot attend their afterschool club, please let the office know.

Reminders

- PGL – The March payment of £25 was due by 13th March, please make a payment online or if there is a problem please make an appointment to discuss this with me in confidence.
- Year 4 Swimming – Payments for this term are now due, please make a payment online.

Dates for your Diary –

- Mrs Mills’ class will be having PE sessions on both Thurs 24th and Fri 25th March.
- Sports Enrichment Day for Years 3 & 4 will now be on 4th April and not 22nd March.
- There will be a Teacher Training Day on Fri 27th May.

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Covid Arrangements

- Our covid infections in school are still high. Please help us to limit further spread by wearing 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 and we ask that **ALL** visitors that come into the school building **wear a face covering**.
- If your child is unwell, they should remain at home until they are well enough to return. If your child becomes ill whilst at school, you will be asked to collect them. If they have symptoms of Covid-19 they should remain at home and take a test. If your child has a positive test, they can return to school following 2 consecutive negative tests from day 5.
- 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.

Book of the Week – Miss Drissell’s class have been reading ‘The Time Traveling Hamster’ by Ross Welford. On Al Chaudhury’s twelfth birthday his beloved Grandpa gives him a letter from Al’s late father. In it, Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father’s life. Al soon discovers that time travel requires daring and imagination, and all without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer.....!

Mr A Simms