

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 26 – 1st April 2022

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Staff News – This week we all said a fond goodbye to Mrs Gravelsons as she moves to a new role supporting children in a secondary school. We would like to thank her for her commitment to our school community as both a member of staff and a governor, and wish her well on her new adventure.

Mini Beasts – Children in Reception have been learning about the life cycle of butterflies in their mini beasts topic this week. After reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', pupils in Mrs Roberts' class have made a 3D picture using pasta and those in Mrs Ellwood's class have made a giant caterpillar display.

KS1 PE Sessions – Pupils in Year 1 and 2 have enjoyed playing 'human battleships' in their PE lessons this week. Balls rest on top of cones and each team have to try to knock them off with a dodgeball. The first team to knock all of their balls off wins.

Class Photos – Unfortunately class photos were unable to be taken on Monday as the photographer was unwell, the new date is Weds 6th April. Children in Miss Sheehan's class and Miss Drissell's class should come into school in uniform with their PE kit in a bag to change into later. Year 6 children should wear their uniform sweatshirts and not their leaver hoodies.

Music lessons – There are no instrument lessons next week, this is a planned non-teaching week. They will start again the first week after Easter.

Swimming – Swimming sessions for Year 4 children have now finished for this term and will start again on 27th April. Please send your child into school in their uniform on Weds 6th April with their PE kit in a bag.

Staff Vacancy - We would like to recruit a new Clerk to support our Governing Body. The role is part time for 100 hours spread throughout the school year and will be a mix of working from home and attending Governing Body meetings in person. Please come into the school office for more details.

Clubs Update –

- There will be no Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Club on Weds 6th April.
- The last Indoor Hockey club will be on Thurs 7th April.
- Indoor Athletics has now finished.
- Kwik Cricket for Years 3 to 6 will start on Thurs 28th April - see previous email for more details.
- Rounders for Years 4 & 5 will start after Easter on Fridays. An email will be sent shortly.

Covid Arrangements

On Tuesday this week, the Government set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England from Friday 1 April when free testing is no longer available:

- Children who are unwell (particularly if they have a high temperature) should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Children can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Children with a positive COVID-19 test result should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 3 days.

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Dates for your Diary –

- Sports Enrichment Day for Years 3 & 4 will be on Mon 4th April, please send your child into school in their PE kit.
- Mr Thackway's class will have PE on Thurs 7th April.
- This term finishes for the Easter break at the end of school on Fri 8th April.
- There will be a Teacher Training Day on Fri 27th May.

Book of the Week – KS1 pupils have been reading 'Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis. When two small sisters go fishing to the magic pond, they find a bog baby. When he becomes poorly, the girls learn that if you really love something, you have to let it go.

Mr A Simms