

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 27 – 8th April 2022

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Easter Nests – Children in Reception have made Easter nests using chocolate and rice crispies. The pupils enjoyed watching the chocolate melt and they did their best not to eat it!

Art & Design – Children in Mrs Satchwell's class have been using their knowledge of proportion to create wire sculpture figures inspired by Alberto Giacometti. Once they have finished the base sculptures, they will be covering them in mod-rock, moulding them and painting them black.

The pupils have also designed Tudor waistcoats and they will be making them using running stitch, back stitch and blanket stitch.

Science – Children in Years 3 and 4 they have been observing how materials change state in different conditions. They observed melting and freezing by melting chocolate and making ice cream – some of the children thought it was the best ice cream they had ever tasted!

Mrs Satchwell has suggested the website <https://www.science-sparks.com/fun-easter-science-experiments/> for lots of Easter themed fun science activities for children.

Easter Collective Worship – We held our virtual Easter Collective Worship on Wednesday focusing on the events and meaning of Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The palm cross signifies the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with the cross being a sign that he gave his life for us.

Reminders:

- Children should come to school in their correct school uniform including black shoes. Plain black trainers should only be worn for PE.
- Music lessons will start the first week after Easter, please make payment via Pay360 for the Summer Term.
- Swimming tuition for Year 4 children will start on Weds 27th April and continue each week until 6th July. Payments can be made online.

Muffins and Mental Health - Please come in to the school hall Thurs 28th April at 9am to enjoy a cup of coffee/tea and a muffin whilst having an opportunity to talk about mental health. The Educational Mental Health Practitioners will be coming along to introduce themselves to you and will be available to discuss any concerns or questions you have about your child's mental health, this could be around sleep routine, low mood, anxiety or anything else you would like to know more about or seek suggestions from the experts.

Staff Vacancy - We would like to recruit a new Clerk to support our Governing Body. This paid 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 –

- Indoor Hockey has now finished.
- Rounders for Years 4 & 5 will start after Easter on Fridays, an email will be sent to parents in the Summer Term.

Covid Arrangements

- 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.

Date for your Diary – There will be a *Teacher Training Day* on Fri 27th May.

Book of the Week – Miss Powell's class have been reading 'Treason' by Berlie Doherty as part of their Tudor topic. A young noble boy embarks on a treacherous adventure through Tudor London on a quest to save his father from Henry VIII's deathly reign. With dreadful twists ...

I hope you all enjoy the Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 25th April.

Mr A Simms