

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 2 – 16th September 2022

Bell Boating – Children in Year 5 & 6 have now had the opportunity to go Bellboating with their class. All of the children had great fun paddling up and down the River Avon from the launch behind the Youth Club. It has been an enjoyable lesson in team working and we would like to thank all of our volunteer helpers for their time and muscles!

Volunteers – We are looking for some help on a Wednesday afternoon to accompany the Year 4 children to their swimming lessons. If you are able to volunteer your time, please contact the school office. All volunteers will be required to undergo a DBS check.

School Start Time – Children should be in school by 8.55am. The gates will be open at 8.45am.

Parking – There is no parking for parents on the school site during drop off and pick up times. Please use the car park in Wards Lane, behind the Fire Station.

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.

Reminders –

- Last week your child brought home an envelope containing *Data collection sheets* and *Consent forms*. Please return the completed forms by TUES 20th SEPT. Our Privacy Notice detailing how we use information about children is on our school website.
- If your child is unable to attend their usual *after school club*, please let the office know beforehand.
- If your child has earned an award outside of school for their attainment in a specific activity (e.g. swimming, music, gymnastics) they are able to bring it in and have it presented during *Celebration Collective Worship*. We do not accept certificates for attendance at theme parks, holiday or sports clubs. Please bring in certificates/trophies to the school office before the end of Thursday.

School Admissions – If you have a child moving to Secondary school from September 2023 applications need to be made by 31st Oct 2022, you may find the following information from School Admissions helpful:

- Parent guide - providing guidance to parents to help decide and apply for a school place <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-1980322935-2186>
- Video animation for parents <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7yVvgN9tAs>

Diary Dates -

- School will be closed on Mon 19th Sept, the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral, as it has now been designated a national bank holiday.
- *School Open Evenings* for prospective parents for Reception 2022 will be held on Tues 18th & Weds 19th Oct and Tues 8th Nov between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Please book an appointment on 01789 77320.
- School will be closed to pupils for *Teacher Training Days* on Fri 21st and Mon 31st Oct.

Book of the Week – Miss Waters' Class are reading 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans. Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission but together they accidentally release a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge. After centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world?

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