

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## **NEWSLETTER 4 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Staffing News** - We said farewell to Mrs Bolger last week after 10 years working as a Teaching Assistant in our school. We wish her well in her new adventure.

**PGL Residential** – Mrs Mills, Miss Drissell, Mrs van Zyl and I, took 39 Year 6 Pupils to PGL Liddington in Swindon this week. They took part in a number of activities including raft building, zip wire and archery in the daytime and had a campfire and sport night in the evenings. This was a great opportunity for pupils to develop their teamwork, problem solving and communication skills, overcome challenges and increase their confidence.

**Ancient Greece** – As part of their Ancient Greece topic, children in Year 5 and 6 have written their own final chapter of the recent book of the week ‘Who Let the Gods Out’ by Maz Evans . Their interesting conclusions made enjoyable reading for the teachers.

**Reception** – Following on from reading ‘The Rainbow Fish’, children in Mrs Ellwood’s and Mrs Roberts’ class have been learning about how to make friends and how to be a good friend. They have looked at sharing and getting along with each other. All of the children have enjoyed being kind to each other and putting others first.

**Reception Phonics Workshop** - Thank you to all of the reception parents who were able to attend the workshops this week, we hope you found them informative and helpful. For the parents who were unable to attend a Sway presentation will be sent out via email shortly. It is always very helpful when parents are able to reinforce learning at home and if you have any questions about how to support your child at home with their learning please always talk to their class teacher.

**Mental Health Week** – We will be supporting the *#hatsonformentalhealth* campaign World Mental Health Day on Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. All children are invited to wear a hat in return for a donation to raise money for Coventry and Warwickshire Mind who work closely with our school supporting our children and families. Children across KS1 and KS2 will take part in workshops and a variety of activities.

**Reception Photographs** – The Reception classes recently had their photographs taken last week by the Stratford Herald. Photographs will be published in their ‘First Day at School’ supplement on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Curriculum Overviews** – Children have brought home overviews of the curriculum subject areas that they will be studying this term. These are also accessible on our school website.

**Harvest** – We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Oct and parents are welcome to attend. Years 1 and 2 will be 9.15-9.45am, Years 3 to 6 will be 10.00-10.30am. We would be grateful for donations of produce which can be sent into school with the children on the morning. Our Year 5 children will be selling the produce after school to raise money for Water Aid and grocery items will be donated to the Food Bank.

**School Admissions** – If you have a child moving to Secondary school from September 2023 applications need to be made by 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Open Evenings for prospective parents for Reception 2023 will be held on Tues 18<sup>th</sup> & Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Oct and Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Nov between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Please book an appointment on 01789 773201.
- Parents Evenings will be held on Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 4-7pm and Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 4-7pm. Mrs Mills' times will be 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 4-7.30pm and 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 4-6.30pm (**change to last week's dates**). If you would like to have a meeting with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress in school this year, please book a 10 minute appointment via the 'Events' option in Pay360 <https://www.pay360educationpayments.com>. When booking appointments please ensure that you 'Checkout' and receive a confirmation email. The booking system will close at 10am on Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- School will be closed to pupils for Teacher Training Days on Fri 21<sup>st</sup> and Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.

**Book of the Week** – Reception have been reading 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. This is a lovely story about a beautiful fish, who learns to make friends by sharing his most prized possessions.

Mr A Simms

*The latest from*



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## BIDFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Well, here we are another week closer to half term, the children will I'm sure be thankful of a short break soon!

Last week we promised information around our fundraisers and activities, here are the first ones to take us up to Christmas:

**14<sup>th</sup> October – Doughnut Friday!** Bring your money for a Friday treat at pickup time.

**19<sup>th</sup> October – New BSA volunteers.** If you think you can offer any kind of help, please come and see us in the hall at 3.30.

**“Xmas4schools”** is an exciting opportunity for artwork to be created into unique Christmas gifts such as mugs, calendars etc... Information will be sent home in book bags etc... before half term.

And after half term we will have dates to drop off donations for the **Christmas Fayre** which will be held on **December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pop this in your diary now!**

A big thank you for all the support you're able to give. All of the above helps us raise funds for important projects around the school.

It wouldn't happen without you!