

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## **NEWSLETTER 5 – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Harvest** – Rev Walker from St Laurence Church led our Harvest celebrations on Thursday. Thank you to parents for their kind donations and for joining us. The Harvest sale organised by the Year 5 pupils, raised £120 for Water Aid, a charity who help provide clean water in developing countries. The remaining groceries will be donated to the Stratford Food Bank.

**House Captain Elections** – This week we held elections for our House Captains. Each candidate prepared a speech which they delivered to their house members. Votes were then cast and we would like to congratulate the winners:

*Mars* – Isabelle & Oliver    *Jupiter* – Zoe & Maisie    *Neptune* - Lachlan & Olivia  
*Saturn* – Alexandros & Phoebe

**Romans Topic** – Children in Miss Drissell’s class have been finding out about Roman art mosaics. The mosaics are made from tiny coloured stones and broken pottery, and often decorated public and private buildings. Pupils designed and made their own mosaic art using coloured card to look like the terrazzo tiles.

**Mental Health Week** – We will be supporting the *#hatsonformentalhealth* campaign on 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 by the Stratford Herald. The photographs were published in the ‘First Day at School’ supplement on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Nut Allergies** - Several children in school have severe nut allergies. Please help us ensure their safety by not including any nut products (including Nutella and Peanut Butter) in packed lunches.

**PE** – Mrs Mills’ class will be having an additional PE session on Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – children should come into school wearing their PE kit.

### **Secondary School Admissions** –

- If you are the parent of a child in Year 6, you will need to apply for their Year 7 place in a secondary school by the deadline of Monday 31 October. The admissions team are hosting a [Secondary School Applications Webinar](#) on Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7pm giving advice and guidance on how to choose your preferred schools and submit an application.
- If your child sat the 11+ test in Warwickshire this year and you are considering applying for a grammar school place, there is an [11+ Results Webinar](#) on Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7pm. This aims to help you interpret your child's test results and how to use them to make informed choices on which secondary schools to include on your application.

### **Diary Dates** -

- *St Lawrence Church Harvest service* is being held at 10am on Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- *Pupil Photographs* will be taken in school on Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- *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.
- School will be closed to pupils for *Teacher Training Days* on Fri 21<sup>st</sup> and Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.

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**Book of the Week** – Mr Thackway’s class have been reading ‘The Laughing Giraffe’ by Mwenye Hadithi and Adrienne Kennaway. In the days long ago, Giraffe was the noisiest animal on the Great African Plain. He shouted a lot and he laughed all the time. This is the story of how the littlest Egret proved to Laughing Giraffe that you do not need to be loud to be heard.

Mr A Simms

*The latest from*



## BIDFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Happy Friday Everyone!

Just a reminder of the next couple of BSA events and to look out for dates when we'll be accepting your donations for the Christmas Fayre:

### **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.** The BSA is seeking more parent support. If you think you can offer any kind of help, please come and see us in the hall at 3.30.



**9<sup>th</sup> December – School Disco** More details to follow on timings and tickets.

Keep a watch for 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!**

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#### **Your BSA team:**

Katie Ballard – Chair  
Vickie Owen – Vice Chair  
Hayley Stephens – Secretary  
Adel Kelly – Treasurer  
Jason Norledge - Communications