

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 6 – 14th October 2022

Governing Body – At our Governors’ meeting this week, we welcomed Jason Norledge as a new Parent Governor and Roger Green as a new Foundation Governor. It was the first meeting of the new school year and Rob Williams was elected as Chair.

Literacy – Following on from reading 'Who Let the Gods Out?' by Maz Evans, children in Mrs Mills’ class have been exploring the Zodiac Signs and the character traits associated with them. They have enjoyed finding out what their zodiac sign is and what kind of person they are! They are now using this information to help create their own characters for their story writing.

Science Day – Some of the Year 1 children went to an Ogden Trust Science Day at Mount Carmel Primary School with Mrs Mansbridge this week. The pupils learnt about forces and how they work. They were challenged to build the tallest and strongest spaghetti tower (Bidford were proud runners up), and make rocket mice to see who could shoot their mouse up the highest by using different sized empty bottles and differing amounts of force. There were mice whizzing all around the classroom and great fun was had by all the children (and adults!) who took part.

School Photographs – Children have had their photograph taken today - orders should be made online direct with Tempest by 4th Nov to avoid P&P charges. If your child has not brought home the ordering details please contact the school office. Any children that missed the session will be able to have their photo taken Thurs 24th Nov.

Coming into School –

- A number of children are arriving late to school. The gates and doors are opened from 8.45am and children should arrive in time for the school day to start promptly at 8.55am.
- From Mon 17th Oct, children in Reception should be dropped off at the small green gate by the Reception playground. Reception children will then walk into the classrooms independently. Any messages for class teachers should be sent in with your child or you can write a ‘yellow note’ in the office foyer.

Lost Property – We have an ever increasing number of unnamed lost items of school uniform that we cannot return to their owners. Iron on name labels fall off easily so please check they are secured or clothing is marked with an indelible pen.

Celebration Collective Worship – We always like to celebrate children’s achievements from outside of school. Please bring in certificates and trophies for us to share in Friday’s Collective Worship by the end of Thursday.

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 18th 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 20th 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.

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Diary Dates -

- School Open Evenings for prospective parents for Reception 2023 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 773201.
- School will be closed to pupils for Teacher Training Days on Fri 21st and Mon 31st Oct.
- Our House Captains will be selling Remembrance Poppies to pupils (Poppy stickers for Reception children) after half term - please send in donations with your child.

Book of the Week – Mr Plumbe’s class are reading ‘The Lion Inside’ by Rachel Bright and Jim Field. Under a mighty flat rock, in a dry dusty place, lives the quietest, meekest brown mouse. Fed up of being ignored by the other animals, Mouse wishes he could roar like Lion. But, as he discovers, even the biggest, bossiest people are scared sometimes ... and even the smallest creatures can have the heart of a lion!

Mr A Simms

The latest from



BIDFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Hello!

Today was 'Doughnut Friday' at school - hopefully you were able to join us and enjoy a yummy treat.

In your child's bag today should be information on our latest initiative –

"Xmas4schools"

This is a great way to get some lovely, personalised gifts for friends and family and will of course help to raise some much-needed funds.

Also:

19th 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.



9th 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 2nd – Pop this in your diary now!**

Find us on Facebook – *Bidford School BSA*

Your BSA team:

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