

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 9 – 11th November 2022

Remembrance – This week our children have been thinking about Remembrance in a variety of ways. I led a collective worship on the meaning of the Armistice and why we wear poppies. On Friday, all the children observed a minute silence and our House Captains laid a wreath at the village war memorial. Thank you to Mrs Palmer for coming with us. We have now been passed your kind donations on to the Royal British Legion.

Superheroes Topic – This week, Reception have enjoyed visits from our local Police Officers and Firefighters from Bidford Fire Station. Children looked inside the Police van and got to sit in the pens. They listened to sirens and some of the children were able to try on some Police uniform. The Firefighters talked to the children about fire safety and why it is really important to test home fire and smoke alarms at least once a week. The children looked at the fire engine and all the equipment that is used. The children were lucky enough to have a go at squirting water from the hose and the children dressed their class teachers up in the fire fighter uniform.

Chedworth Roman Villa – Children in Year 3 and 4 saw their Roman topic come to life this week as they visited Chedworth Roman Villa. They enjoyed a tour of the ruins and imagined what it would have been like in its heyday. Pupils walked over the longest mosaic corridor in England, handled artefacts that were over 2000 years old and made Roman style glass mosaics. The children also discovered some interesting facts about Romans selling sweat and urine at the market to use as hair gel and bleach! Thank you to our volunteers for helping to support this trip.

Ancient Greece – Miss Powell's class have been researching Greek myths and legends including Midas and the Golden Touch and Pandora's Box. Children have been identifying the features: legends can be partly based on truth, or what people think may have been true but a myth is not based on any truth and normally has a symbolic meaning.

Parking – We have received yet another complaint about inconsiderate parking around our school. We have advised that such incidents should be reported to the Police. Please be respectful of our neighbours when parking near school and consider their safety and that of our children and families. Remember that there is a free car park in Wards Lane behind the fire station, only a short walk away.

School Grounds – Please do not vape or bring dogs onto the school grounds.

Wellbeing Enrichment Days - During w/c 21st Nov, all classes will be having a Wellbeing Enrichment Day. Pupils will be able to experience two new sports and participate in some resilience work with Lucas Jet Circus team. Your child will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on the day they have their enrichment activities.

After school, Lucas Jet Circus will be selling some of the equipment your child would have used during the session, these could make great Christmas presents and it would be wonderful for your child to show you their new skills at home. Prices will be: Spinning Plates £4, Flowersticks £15, Diablos £15 and Juggling Balls £7. The sessions will take place on the following days:

Mon 21st Nov – Year 1 & 2, Tues 22nd Nov – Year 3 & 4, Weds 23rd Nov - Year 5 & 6, Thurs 24th Nov – Rec

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Christmas Lunch – Please book your child’s Christmas lunch by Mon 21st Nov via [Christmas Lunch](#). The meal is free for all children with the Bidford School Association kindly paying for meals for pupils Year 3 to 6.

Reminders:

- Now that the weather is getting colder (and wetter!) please send your child to school with a warm coat (clearly named).
- Second half term fees for Music Tuition are due by Mon 21st Nov.
- Year 4 Swimming – a contribution of £3.39 is requested each week, payable as 2 half-termly payments of £16.95.

Reception 2023 – We have recently enjoyed showing lots of potential new parents around our school at our Open Evenings. The school applications window has now opened for children starting in Reception in September 2023 - please apply via [Reception Admissions 2023](#) by 15th Jan.

Diary Dates -

- Children in Reception and Year 6 will take part in the National Child Measurement Programme on Weds 30th Nov -please see the separate email sent on Thursday.
- Our Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performance will be held in the afternoons of 7th and 8th Dec. A ticket for each performance will be given to each child shortly.
- Reception children will sing Christmas Songs to parents on Mon 12th Dec at 9.45am – no ticket is required.

Book of the Week – Miss Sheehan’s class are reading ‘The Assassins of Rome’ by Caroline Lawrence. Jonathan goes on a secret quest to Rome, and Flavia, Nubia and Lupus set out to find him. Their dangerous mission takes them to the Golden House of Nero where a deadly assassin is rumoured to be at work - and they learn what happened to Jonathan's family during the terrible destruction of Jerusalem nine years earlier.

Mr A Simms

The latest from ...



BIDFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Happy Friday all!

**Christmas Fayre donation drop off – in the hall at morning drop off
Friday November 18th & 25th**

Surplus uniform, books, teddies, games, puzzles etc...
Thank you for all the donations so far.



25th November – Non-uniform Day

Clear out those odd alcoholic items and bring us a bottle (or any bottle) for the Christmas Fayre in return for non-uniform day.

2nd December - Christmas Fayre

Pop this in your diary now!



9th December – School Disco More details to follow
on timings and tickets.

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