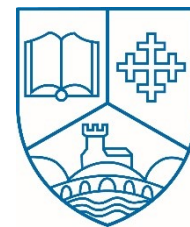


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 12– 2nd December 2022

Poetry – Children in Years 3 & 4 have been reading the poem called 'Cats Sleep Anywhere' by Eleanor Farjeon. They identified poetic features and then drew a series of pictures to help them remember the poem. Some brave members of the class stood up at the front of the class and used their pictures to recite the poem from memory. The children will be using this technique to learn another poem.

Christmas Activities - It is lovely to have the Christmas vibe emerging around our school now that we are in December. Wonderful Christmas displays are appearing along our corridors and decorations are being created for our Christmas Tree entry for the competition at St Lawrence Church next weekend. Children in Reception and KS1 have been rehearsing their productions and we are busy ordering 315 oranges ready to create our Christingles.

Christmas Post Box - The school Christmas postbox will be taking deliveries of Christmas cards from Mon 5th Dec. Please ensure all cards are addressed correctly with the **child's full name** and **class** on the envelope and send into school with your child.

School Crossing Patrol – Our school crossing patrol, Mrs Hunt is retiring at the end of term and her employer, Warwickshire County Council, have decided that following an assessment, a manned crossing is no longer required. The County Council can only fund School Crossing Patrols at sites that meet the criteria in the national guidelines produced by Road Safety GB. This criteria depends principally on the number of primary school age children and the number of vehicles crossing at the site at the relevant times. When the assessment was completed, this calculation was 70% below the required threshold. We have always included road safety in our school curriculum and we will be providing the children with additional road safety and crossing advice during the week leading up to the Christmas break and on their return in January.

Chat, Coffee and Croissants - Please come in to the hall at 9am on **Mon 5th Dec** to enjoy a cup of coffee/tea and a croissant whilst having an opportunity to chat about mental health. The Educational Mental Health Practitioners will be coming along to introduce themselves to you and will be available to discuss any questions or concerns you have about your child's mental health, this could be around sleep routine, low mood, anxiety or anything else you would like to know more about or seek support from the experts.

Year 2 PE – Children in Mr Plumbe's class will not be having PE on Weds 7th Dec. Please send them into school in their uniform.

Year 1/2 Forest School – Children in Mrs Flavell's class will not be having forest school on Thurs 8th Dec. Please send them into school in their uniform.

After School Clubs – If your child cannot attend their afterschool club please let the office know. We have had a few children not come along this week and we could not contact their parents to ensure they had returned home safely.

Celebration Collective Worship – There will no Celebration Collective Worship for the rest of this term. The next one will be on Friday January 6th.

Diary Dates:

- Reception are holding Open Classroom sessions for parents on Tues 6th Dec and on Thurs 8th Dec from 3.20pm until 3.45pm
- Our Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performance will be held in the afternoons of 7th and 8th Dec. We have a few spare tickets for each performance – please call in to the office.
- Reception children will sing Christmas Songs to parents on Mon 12th Dec at 9.45am.

Book of the Week – Children in Miss Waters' class have been reading the Ancient Greek myth of 'Pandora's Box'. Pandora was the first woman on earth and for a wedding present, she was given a box by Zeus but was told not to open it. Pandora is curious and one day she opens the box and cruelty, hatred and despair escape into the world. Pandora slams the box shut but only one thing remains... hope.

Mr A Simms

The latest from ...



BIDFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Donation cake tins available
to collect from the office
from today!

Happy Monday!

We would like to start with a massive thank you for all the Christmas Fayre donations, cake baking, bottles, raffle prizes & ticket purchases and much much more!

Followed by another massive thanks for the wonderful turnout on Friday evening - the volunteers, teachers and anyone else that played any part in supporting us!

Friday 9th December

Tickets on sale Tuesday 6th Dec (after school, outside office)

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Reception – in school day (FREE)

Key stage 1 – 5:30pm – 6:30pm (£2.50)

Key stage 2 – 6:45pm – 7:45pm (£2.50)

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