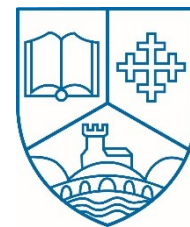


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 13– 9th December 2022

Nativity - Year 1 and 2 pupils gave wonderful performances to their families this week telling the story of the First Christmas in their Nativity production of 'Baubles'. Thank you to all the staff and adults who supported the performance and well done to all the children.

Gingerbread - Children in Year 5 & 6 have been researching the traditions of Gingerbread this week and as part of their D & T topic, pupils have designed their own Christmas themed ginger bread shapes. They made the gingerbread, investigating chemical reactions as the ingredients were mixed before decorating them carefully. The activity filled the school corridors with a festive aroma!

Christingle – This week the children made Christingles in class and Rev Walker led our Christingle Service. Each part of the Christingle holds special symbolism to help children understand the importance of Jesus and the Gospel, and its relevance at Christmas time. The orange represents the world, the red tape symbolises the love and blood of Christ and the lit candle represents Jesus as the light of the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Headlice – We have had several cases of headlice in school, please check your child on a regular basis and treat as necessary, most treatments require applying again after 7 days.

Music Tuition – Guitar and Drum lessons have finished for this term for this. Keyboard and woodwind will continue next week. All lessons will start again w/c 9th Jan.

Mrs Ellwood's Class- will not be doing Forest School on Mon 12th Dec so please can the children come to school dressed in their school uniform.

Reception admissions for Sept 2023.- To secure a school place for children born between 1st Sept 2018 and 31st Aug 2019 you must apply online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions by **Sun 15th Jan**.

Boot Exchange - A-Plan Insurance in Stratford Upon Avon, Guild Street have set up a boot exchange for people of all ages to exchange any kind of sporting boots for a different size. All boots are cleaned and are in good condition and they are hoping this project enables families who can't afford to buy new boots a way of ensuring they can continue to play the sports they enjoy. Please call 01789 339825 for more details.

Clubs –

- Newspaper club, Dance and Artbase have now finished for this term.
- All other clubs will continue next week.
- Year 5 & 6 Boys Football and KS2 Girls Football will start w/c 2nd Jan for the same children.
- Young Voices, Year 3 & 4 Boys Football will restart w/c 9th Jan for the same children.
- Artbase Year 2 - 6 and Gymnastics for Year 4 & 5 will start for new children w/c 9th Jan - details have been sent by email.
- Newspaper club will restart on 16th Jan for the same children and will be every 2 weeks.

Reminders

- **Christmas Lunch** will be on Wednesday 14th December, there will be no alternative menu choice so please send your child in with a packed lunch if they do not want to have Christmas dinner.
- The last collection from the **School Christmas card postbox** will be on **Weds 14th Dec**. Please remember to put surnames and class on the envelopes.
- **Collective Worship** - There is **NO** Celebration Collective Worship on Fri 16th Dec.

Dates for your Diary –

- The St Laurence Church Christmas Tree Festival is on Sat & Sun 10th & 11th Dec 12pm-6pm. Come along to see our school tree.
- Reception children will sing Christmas Songs to parents on Mon 12th Dec at 9.45am.
- School Christmas Service we will be walking to St Laurence Church on Wednesday morning for our annual Carol Service. Please send your child to school with a coat.
- The Children's Crib Service at St Laurence Church is on at 4pm on Tues 24th Dec. Family Communion will be on Christmas Day at 10am.
- Teacher Training Day (school closed to children) is on Tues 3rd Jan.

Book of the Week – Mrs Roberts' class are reading 'Mouse's Christmas Wish' by Judy Abbott. This year, Rabbit has invited all her friends to spend Christmas with her. Mouse is the most excited of all – it is his dearest wish to spend the holiday together with his friends. But one thing after another goes wrong until Mouse believes he will never be able to make the journey! Will he be left all alone at Christmas?

Mr A Simms