

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## **NEWSLETTER 15 – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Happy New Year and welcome to the new term. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday.

**Spring Term Topics** – This term, children in Year 1 & 2 will be finding out about the Frozen Planet - pupils will be looking at the seven continents, five oceans and their climates. Children in Year 5 & 6 will be learning about World War 2 and comparing the changes in Bidford pre and post war and looking at events leading up to war being declared.

Pupils in Year 3 & 4 launched their new topic about Anglo Saxons & Vikings today with a range of activities including learning about Anglo Saxon Runes, place names and whether a range of Anglo Saxon treasures and artifacts have decomposed over time. The children's costumes were amazing!

**Attendance** - The school day starts at 8.55am when the gates/doors close – please ensure your child arrives on time and that you see them into the school premises before you leave the site. When a child enters the classroom after registration it not only interrupts the teacher but also all of the other children who have come into school on time. Letters will be sent to parents whose children are persistently late and continuing instances will be referred to the Local Authority.

Please see the statement below from the Warwickshire Attendance Service regarding Leave of Absence in Term Time.

**Payments to School** - Please make payment online for:

- Spring Term Music Tuition
- Spring Term Year 4 Swimming lessons
- Y5 PGL Payment – The January instalment of £29 is due by 13<sup>th</sup> January.

**PE sessions** – Some of the PE sessions in KS2 have changed this term. PE will now take place as follows: Mon – Miss Powell, Tues – Miss Waters, Weds – Mrs Tycer (Year 3), Thurs – Mr Thackway, Fri – Mrs Mills  
Year 4 swimming continues on Wednesdays.

**Clubs Update** –

- Young Voices, Y3 & 4 Boys Football will restart w/c 9<sup>th</sup> Jan for the same children as last term.
- Artbase Y2 - 6 and Gymnastics for Y4 & 5 will start for new children w/c 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – clubs are now full.
- Art and Craft Club will start on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan - club is now full. Newspaper club will restart on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan for the same children and will be on every 2 weeks.

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

**Book of the Week** – Children in Mr Plumbe's class are reading 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. There once was a boy and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and decides to take the penguin home himself. They set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole, but when they get there, the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all.

Mr A Simms

## Warwickshire Attendance Service

### Attendance Policy Extract:

#### *Leave of Absence*

The Government issued new regulations in September 2013 regarding Leave of Absence; The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013

- Head teachers **shall not grant any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** there are **exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.
- Parents do not have any entitlement to take their children on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must establish that there are **exceptional circumstances** and the Head Teacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave.
- Head Teachers will determine how many school days a child may be absent from school if the leave is granted.
- The school can only consider applications for Leave of Absence which are made by the resident parent. i.e the parent with whom the child normally resides.
- Applications for Leave of Absence must be made in advance and failure to do so will result in the absence being recorded as "unauthorised". This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.
- Applications for Leave of Absence which are made in advance and refused will result in the absence being recorded as "unauthorised". This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice, if the child is absent from school during that period.
- All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service of Warwickshire County Council.
- The Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service have the authority to consider issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for Leave of Absence in line with the Warwickshire County Council's Non-School Attendance and Penalty Notices Code of Conduct. (A copy of which can be found at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/pupilnonattendance>).
- If a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and is not paid within the timeframe set out in that Notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

**Each application for a Leave of Absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.**