

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 3 – 22nd September 2023

Diary Dates -

- **School Open Evenings** for prospective parents for Reception 2024 will be held on Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October and Wednesdays 8th November between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Please book an appointment on 01789 773201.
- **Parents Evenings** will be held on Tuesday 24th October 4-7pm and Thursday 26th October 4-7pm. Miss Powell's sessions will be 24th October 4-7pm and 25th October 4-7pm. Details of how to book will be sent out closer to the time
- School will be closed to pupils for **Teacher Training Days** on Friday 27th October and Monday 6th November.

Bell Boating – Children in Year 5 & 6 have now had the opportunity to go Bellboating with their class. All of the children had great fun paddling up and down the River Avon from the launch behind the Youth Club. It has been an enjoyable lesson in team working and we would like to thank all of our volunteer helpers for their time and muscles!

Reception Photographs – The Reception classes had their photographs taken this week by the Stratford Herald. Photographs will be published in their 'First Day at School' supplement on 5th October.

Mental Health Week – We will be supporting the *#hatsonformentalhealth* campaign World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October. All children are invited to wear a hat in return for a donation to raise money for Coventry and Warwickshire Mind who work closely with our school supporting our children and families

Reading Workshop - Parents of Reception children are invited to a reading workshop on Tuesday 3rd October at 2.45pm and Wednesday 4th October at 9.15am. A letter containing further information will be put in your child's book bag.

Math workshops – Over the next few weeks, we will be delivering Key Stage maths workshops to demonstrate how maths will be taught in your child's class so that you able to support at home and have an understanding of the maths curriculum in the different Key Stages. These sessions will start at 9am and run for approx. half an hour.
Key Stage 1 session, led by Mr Plumbe – Wednesday 18th October.
Lower Key Stage 2 session, led by Miss Drissell – Tuesday 10th October.
Upper Key Stage 2 session, led by Mrs Mills – Thursday 5th October.

Harvest – We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Thursday 12th October and parents are welcome to attend. KS1 will be 9.15-9.45am, KS2 will be 10.00-10.30am. We would be grateful for donations of produce which can be sent into school with the children on the morning. Our Year 5 children will be selling the produce after school to raise money for Water Aid and grocery items will be donated to the Food Bank.

Coats - Please send your child into school in a named coat as the weather is turning colder.

Dangerous driving – We have received concerns from a resident about the speed and dangerous driving through St Lawrence Way. Please be aware of the safety of our pupils when driving to school.

Reminders –

- Last week your child brought home an envelope containing **Data collection sheets** and **Consent forms**. Please return the completed forms asap. Our Privacy Notice detailing how we use information about children is on our school website.
- If your child is unable to attend their usual **after school club**, please let the office know beforehand.
- If your child has earned an award outside of school for their attainment in a specific activity (e.g. swimming, music, gymnastics) they are able to bring it in and have it presented during **Celebration Collective Worship**. We do

not accept certificates for attendance at theme parks, holiday or sports clubs. Please bring in certificates/trophies to the school office before the end of Thursday.

School Admissions – If you have a child moving to Secondary school from September 2024 applications need to be made by 31st October 2023, you may find the following information from School Admissions helpful:

- Parent guide - providing guidance to parents to help decide and apply for a school place
<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-1980322935-2186>
- Video animation for parents <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7yVvgN9tAs>

St Benedicts open evening clashes with our PGL trip. They have given us another date of Tuesday 3rd October at 4pm which is for Y6 Bidford Parents only.

Lunch Time Supervisor Vacancy – We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor (MDS). Please call into the office for more details and an application form or phone 01789 773201.

Online Payments - We are introducing School Gateway to Bidford-on-Avon Primary School – a parent engagement app that will allow you to make payments and for us to communicate with you.

Please download the app by searching **School Gateway** in your App store or download using the links below.

Apple iPhone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload

Android phone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information that we already have for you, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details on the data collection sheet that was sent home recently.

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site here: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/> or contact the school office.

You can also login to the online version of School Gateway via this site if you do not have a smart phone, although we do recommend using the app.

Payments will appear as Parent Pay on your bank statements.

Book of the Week – LKS2 are reading “Stone Age Boy” by Satoshi Kitamura. One day a little boy is walking along when he trips, stumbles and falls ... into the Stone Age! He meets a girl his own age and her tribe, and learns all about their way of life. He watches them make tools, clothes and weapons. He sees how they hunt, fish, cook, celebrate – and even how they paint on the walls of caves. But when a furious cave bear attacks, he wakes up back in his own time where everyone tells him it was only a dream. But was it?

Mr A Simms

The latest from:



BIDFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Happy Friday!! We're three weeks into the new school year already and the summer holidays feel like a distant memory already. Hopefully all the children are now settled - there certainly seems to be a buzz around the school.

We'd just like to let you know of a few things in the planning with the BSA & School for this half year towards the Christmas break.



Car Boot Sale – we need YOUR feedback on this one to see if it's viable. Send us a message or catch one of us at school.

Halloween Trail – this will be making a comeback for 2023, always a popular half term activity. If you'd like your house to have a pumpkin letter to display in your window let us know. Send us a Facebook message or leave your details at the school.



Also look out for these possible events:



**Doughnut Day, Christmas Quiz, Disco
and more to follow!**



As you'll see above, we're looking at quite an ambitious plan of events, however this is only possibly with more parent involvement. We would love to see more parents involved with the BSA, it's only through the dedication of those involved that we can raise the money we do which goes towards projects in the school and ultimately benefitting the children.

Please seek us out, send a message or leave some details at the school and we can let you know more about what's involved.

Follow us on Facebook – Bidford School BSA

The core BSA team:

Vickie, Hayley, Adel, Emma & Jason

Vickie Owen – Chair

Hayley Stephens – Vice Chair

Emma Welch – Secretary

Adel Kelly – Treasurer

Jason Norledge - Communications