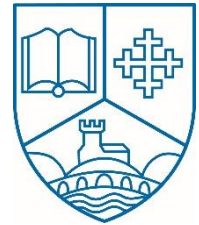


Bidford on Avon

Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 8- Thursday 26th October 2023

Diary Dates –

School will be closed to pupils for *Teacher Training Days* on Friday 27th October and Monday 6th November.

- Our *Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performance* will be held in the afternoons of 13th and 14th December. A ticket for each performance will be given to each child. Further details regarding timings to follow.
- Reception children will sing *Christmas Songs* to parents **on Tuesday 19th Dec at 9.45am** – no ticket is required.

Teacher training days- A reminder that school is closed due to teacher training days on Friday 27th October 2023 and Monday 6th November 2023 either side of the half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 7th November 2023.

Y3/4 Boys Football - Our Y3/4 boys football team had a match against Claverdon this week. It was great team performance with a hat trick from one of our boys resulting in a 6-2 win for us. Well done boys and thank you parents for transport and support.

Bishopswood Trip - Children in year 3 & year 4 went on a trip to Bishopswood on Tuesday for their Stone Age to Iron Age topic. They hunted and gathered Stone Age animals and plants, made flour by grinding seed with stone, made fire with flint and made fish nets. They also built animal pens by weaving willow and Stone Age style homes and completed cave art activities. Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping on this trip.

Superheroes Topic - The Reception classes enjoyed a visit from our local firefighters. The Firefighters spoke to the children about the different jobs they do in the community and talked about the different parts of their uniform. The children had the opportunity to sit in the fire engine and look at the equipment that is used. They were also lucky enough to have a go at squirting water from the hose.

Science Day – Last week he hosted an Ogden Trust Science Day. Some year 3 children took part in a variety of activities - sorted light sources, reflective materials, wrote messages and reflected them in mirrors to then see if they could crack each others codes and manoeuvred round a maze by only looking up into a mirror. Then they also learnt about shadows and made shadow figures then finished off the afternoon making our very own kaledoscopes which children decorated. Children had a wonderful day and it was great to welcome other pupils from the other schools in the Ogden trust - Mappleborough Green, Mount Carmel, St Nicholas and Tardebigge.

On Monday 5 year 1 children went to an Ogden Trust Science Day at Mount Carmel Primary School with Mrs Jewell this week. The pupils learnt about forces and how they work. They were challenged to build the tallest and strongest spaghetti tower (Bidford were proud runners up), and make rocket mice to see who could shoot their mouse up the highest by using different sized empty bottles and differing amounts of force. There were mice whizzing all around the classroom and great fun was had by all the children (and adults!) who took part.

Bikeability – A number of our year 6 pupils took part in a cycling course this week developing their skills, knowledge and understanding how to cycle safely on the roads. The programme is part of a national scheme taught first on the school playground and then out on the roads by experienced cyclists. Pupils learn about starting and stopping journeys, passing stationary vehicles, understanding road signs and markings, how to negotiate junctions and how to share the road with others.

Clubs – There will be no year 5/6 Boys football club on Wednesday 8th November and no girls' football club on Thursday 16th November.

Reception 2024 – The school applications window will open on 1st November for children starting in Reception in September 2024. Please apply via [Warwickshire reception 2024](#) by 15th January 2024.

Reminders:

- Now that the weather is getting colder (and wetter!) please send your child to school with a *warm coat* (clearly named).
- Our House Captains are selling *Remembrance Poppies* to pupils (Poppy stickers for Reception children) in the afternoons - please send in donations with your child.
- Second half term fees for *Music Tuition* are due by Mon 13th November.
- *Year 4 Swimming* – a contribution of £3.82 is requested each week, payable as 2 half-termly payments of £19.10.
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New menu - Attached is new dinner menu which is starting after half term on **week 2**.

Book of the Week – Mrs Mills' class is reading Northern Lights by Philip Pullman. Lyra Belacqua lives half-wild and carefree among the scholars of Jordan College, with her daemon familiar always by her side. But the arrival of her fearsome uncle, Lord Asriel, draws her to the heart of a terrible struggle – a struggle born of Gobblers and stolen children, witch clans and armoured bears. As she hurtles towards danger in the cold far North, Lyra never suspects the shocking truth: she alone is destined to win, or to lose, the biggest battle imaginable.

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