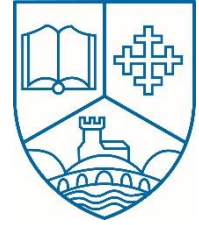


Bidford on Avon

Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 14 – 15th December 2023

Diary Dates –

- **Tuesday 19th December** at 9.45am Reception children will sing Christmas Songs to parents on– 2 seats are allocated per Reception child.
- **Tuesday 19th December** - KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) & **Wednesday 20th December** – KS2 (Year 3-Year 6) Carol Service 2.30pm in school. KS2 tickets have sold out, if you have any spare tickets or know you won't be using them please return to the school. A few tickets remain available for the KS1 service in the school office.
- **Wednesday 20th December** – Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch (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).
- **Wednesday 20th December** - The last collection from the School Christmas card postbox. Please remember to put surnames and class on the envelopes.
- **Thursday 21st December** - Santa Run. Please see attached letter for more information.
- **Friday 22nd December** NO Celebration Collective Worship.
- **Monday 8th January** - Teacher Training Day (school closed to children).
- **Tuesday 9th January** – Start of Spring term 2024.

KS1 - A huge well done to the children in Key Stage 1. They have worked so hard for the past few weeks to prepare an amazing nativity show. We were so proud of them during their two performances and it was so amazing to see them enjoying themselves so much on stage. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting them with learning lines, singing songs and providing amazing costumes!

LKS2 – In Design & Technology, pupils have been making pop-up Christmas cards. It involves learning how to make five different pop-up mechanisms, choosing their favourite and designing and making a card with their chosen pop-up.

UKS2 - In topic lessons, pupils have been learning about the period of decline in Benin. They wrote diaries from either the point of view of Benin locals or the British soldiers about what had happened when the British army invaded the kingdom.

Children in KS2 enjoyed watching KS1's Nativity. They were very impressed with the singing and acting.

BBC 500 Words Competition - Year 5 and 6 are pleased to say that the following made it through to the next stage of BBC 500 Words Competition:

- The Tree That Had Feelings by Lucie
- The Ghost in the Library by Isabel
- The Magic Time Machine by Claudia

The BBC said they received thousands of entries and only around 5,000 go through to the second round of judging by the Reading Agency. We are very proud of all the children for taking part and are obviously extremely pleased for those children making it through to the next round. There will be an update in January advising us of the results of the judging.

Dick Wittington - Pupils across the school came in to wonderful surprise today and were treated to a pantomime of Dick Wittington. The West End in School production team commented on how much they enjoyed performing for us and how well all the pupils listened and engaged. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the performance as well, especially when they were encouraged to join in. A huge thank you goes out to the BSA who organised the surprise, and thank you to all the families that support the BSA events organised to raise money for our school.

Santa Run – Everybody is looking forward to the Santa Run on Thursday 21st December. Children should come into school dressed in school uniform and school shoes. Please send all sponsor money to the office by Friday 22nd December or make a donation online (see attached letter).

TT Rockstars Christmas Battle!

It's already time for a rematch! From Monday 18th December at 7.30am until Thursday 21st December at 7pm, the children can play for points to help their class be the latest TTRS champions! Miss Waters currently holds the title and I am sure the other classes want to get their revenge! Children can play a maximum of 90 minutes per day. **Good luck everyone and ROCK ON!**

Christmas Tree Festival - We are pleased to have been announced as runner up in the children's category at the Christmas Tree Festival at St Laurence's Church. Thank you to all the children and staff for making the angels, stars and wreaths that decorated it and to everyone who voted for us. Well done to all of our pupils that entered other categories and their trees got recognised as well.

Christmas Jumpers – Pupils are invited to wear Christmas Jumpers on Wednesday 20th December instead of their school jumper. All other uniform should be worn.

After School Clubs – Craft Club and Artbase club have now finished. All other clubs will continue next week.

Music –All lessons have finished for this term apart from guitar which will finish on 19th December. All lessons will restart w/c 9th January.

Book of the Week – Mrs Roberts' class have been reading "Greg the Sausage Roll" by Mark Hoyle and Roxanne Hoyle. Greg the Sausage Roll stars in this hilarious twist on everyone's favourite Christmas rhyme! Greg, Gloria and the mini sausage rolls are rounding up all their friends - 11 elves a-wrapping, 8 reindeer munching, 6 six baubles bouncing . . . Join the festive countdown as they get ready for Christmas Eve - and the best Christmas party EVER!

Mr A Simms