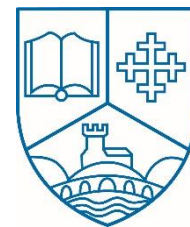


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 17 – 19th January 20240

Dates for the diary

- **Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th January** - Reception Phonic workshops
- **Tuesday 30th January** – Educational Mental Health Practitioner coffee morning
- **Thursday 25th January**– Change of PE day for year 2. Mr Plumbe’s class will be having PE on Thursday instead of Friday just for this week
- **Thursday 1st February** - Parent consultation meetings
- **Tuesday 6th February** - Parent consultation meetings
Details of how to book, have been sent out by email.
- **Friday 9th February** – Break up for half term

Reception –have enjoyed their book of the week “Whatever Next” as an introduction into their topic on space. They have been retelling the story and have used it as a theme for the display board in the corridor. This week the children have been learning more about the planets in our solar system and produced some pictures of planets using paint, colour washes and tissue paper. The children are showing a keen interest in learning more about space.

KS1 -have been thinking about friendship in collective worship and what makes a good friend. Some of the answers included trust, being kind, sharing and being there for one another. KS1 have welcomed Miss Seymour who is a 3rd year student at Worcester University and will be with us for 8 weeks for her final placement.

KS2 – LKS2 have been learning about types of rocks including igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks and how they are formed and UKS2 have been learning pet names in French.



Science Day – Some of the Reception children went to an Ogden Trust Science Day at Tardebigge School with Mrs Deguara this week. They had an exciting day making planets out of playdough and created rockets using paper straws which they moved by blowing through the straws. They also painted planets using marbles as their paint brush.



Santa Run – Well done to everyone who took part in the Santa Run before Christmas to raise money for The Shakespeare Hospice. The total amount raised was £2142.45, which is a fantastic amount. Alison from the Shakespeare Hospice will be coming in to school on the 1st February to thank the children for supporting their charity and to share how the money raised will support families.

Curriculum Overviews – We have recently updated the school website with our curriculum polices, overviews and progression maps (<https://www.bidfordonavon.warwickshire.sch.uk/foundationsubjects.htm>). This provides a clear overview of what is covered in our curriculum and how the skills and knowledge develop over their time at our school. We have also developed an overview showing how the EYFS provision feeds in to the National Curriculum, and skills taught in KS1. Children will shortly be bringing home their curriculum overviews giving details of the subject areas that they will be covering this term. This information will also be available on the school website.

Phonic workshops – Next week, there is an opportunity for Reception parents to come in to school to see how phonics is taught. Phonics is key part of the curriculum which helps to develop reading and writing skills. A lot of parents have signed up already but there are still spaces available. If you would like to book a space, please speak to

Mrs Ellwood or Mrs Roberts. The sessions are being held on Tuesday 23rd January at 2:30pm and Wednesday 24th January at 9:15am.

EHMP coffee catch up– On Tuesday 30th January at 2:30pm in the school hall, Kirsty our Educational Mental Health Practitioner will be coming along to support and signpost families to the provision they may be needing for their children. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Mental Health support we can provide in school and to share any concerns or worries you have which Kirsty or Miss Hickman. Everyone is welcome.

Medicine – Please do not send medicine (including lip balms, nasal sprays, etc) into school with your child. We are only able to administrate prescribed medication and children should not have medicines on their person or in their school bags. If you feel your child needs medication during the school day, please bring them to the school office and fill in a medicine form.

Clubs – There will be no Y2 Multisports on Friday 26th January.

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 was due by 13th January.

Book of the Week – Reception have been reading the story of "Whatever Next" by Jill Murphy. The moon and back before bath time? Whatever next! Baby Bear wants to go on one more adventure before bed – a quick trip to the moon. Mrs Bear isn't pleased, and anyway, she says, Baby Bear doesn't have a rocket. Luckily, there's one under the stairs . . .

Mr A Simms