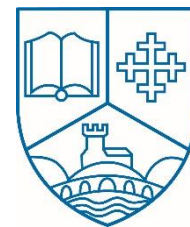


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 22 – 1 March 2024

Dates for the diary

- **Tuesday 5th March 9am** – KS1 Reading Workshop
- **Wednesday 6th March** – Reception trip to Oversley Hill Farm
- **Thursday 7th March** – Bake Sale 3.20 - 3.45pm
- **Friday 8th March** – World Book Day celebrations including read with your child 9.05am
- **Monday 18th March** – KS1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
- **Tuesday 19th March** - LKS2 Reading Workshop – **CHANGE OF DATE**
- **Thursday 21st March** – Open school 3:30 – 4pm
- **Friday 22nd March** – Class Photographs. If your child has PE/Forest School that day please send them to school in their uniform with their PE kit in a bag to change into.

Reception - The children have been looking at baby photographs and have been making observations as to how they are growing and changing. They have been naming parts of the body and used the story of Funny Bones to learn about our skeleton. They have also explored sequencing events in maths. They sequenced pictures to make a jam sandwich before actually making and eating one.

KS1 - Key Stage 1 have loved writing their stories based on The Tunnel. They thought about how Jack got into the forest and what happened once he was there! We also loved our well-being day on Monday and particularly enjoyed the breakdancing!

LKS2 –LKS2 have been learning about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. He was discovered by an archaeologist called Howard Carter who was one of the only ones to believe there were still tombs to discover in the Valley of the Kings. Tutankhamun was discovered with over 5,000 of his possessions! WOW! That is a lot to be buried with. In English, we have been writing a wanted poster for Sennapod. He was last seen leaving the History Museum in the middle of the night. Miss Drissell's class have been creating Egyptian artwork using a wide variety of artistic techniques. They have been using string and polystyrene printing to create background effects, used watercolour to paint a side profile of their chosen God and then they used repeated patterns using Egyptian hieroglyphs to create a border. The other LKS2 classes are looking forward to doing this next week.

UKS2 – On Thursday, Year 5 and 6 welcomed Jake, from Compass Connect for Health, into their classrooms to work with the children on the subject of what makes a good night's sleep. This was arranged following the outcomes of the Year 6 health questionnaires earlier in the year, which revealed that the children wanted guidance on this subject. We looked at routines for the hours prior to sleep and how these can be arranged to give a good sleep quality. In addition, the children looked at bedroom environments that could give a good (or bad) quality of sleep. Finally, the children looked at the stages of sleep and the importance of a good night's sleep. The children have taken away their sleep diaries, which can be used to track their bedtime routines and their sleep qualities. We are sure that the children will benefit hugely from learning about this extremely important part of a healthy lifestyle.

Football Match - On Wednesday, our Y5/6 Boys Football team played Mappleborough Green School in a league match. Bidford were leading 5-3 until the final 10 minutes, unfortunately Bidford conceded two late goals resulting in a 5-5 draw. Thank you to parents for supporting us in the rain.

iSingPOP Event – Wow - what a day! It was so fantastic to see the children loving our iSingPOP sessions. The sessions engaged the children using dancing and singing to teach about Christian stories. The children learnt about Lent and Easter and danced their way through the sessions!

Y5 and Y6 RSE Workshops – a huge thank you to all of the parents that were able to make the RSE workshop, we hope you found it informative. Next week, a PowerPoint will be sent out to all Year 5 and 6 parents in case you were unable to attend but would still like to find out more about how we teach RSE to the UKS2 pupils.

Reading Workshops – We will be hosting reading workshops for parents with children in KS1 and LKS2.

- Key Stage 1, led by Mr Plumbe – Tuesday 5th March 9am in the hall
- **CHANGE OF DATE** Lower Key Stage 2, led by Miss Drissell – Tuesday 19th March 9am in the hall

The workshops will demonstrate how reading will be taught in your child's class so that you are able to support them at home and develop an understanding of the reading curriculum in the different Key Stages. These sessions will start at 9am and run for approximately 45minutes.

Nut Free School – Please do not send your child to school with chocolate spread in their sandwiches, as it contains nuts and we have several children with nut allergies.

Aprons - If anyone has any old shirts/aprons at home they no longer need, could you please donate them to the school for pupils to use as painting aprons, we especially need them for our older pupils.

World Book Day - We will be celebrating *World Book Day* on **Friday 8th March** – children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character (no superheroes or football kits please). Parents are also invited to come into the classroom at **9.05am** to read a story with their child to celebrate World Book Day. Please wait outside until we let you in through the school hall. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have parents moving freely around the school, but we would like you to select a class to visit and sit and enjoy a story with your child in that class.

School Council Bake Sale – On **Thursday 7th March**, the school council have arranged a bake sale at 3.20-3.45pm to raise money to fund a new bike / scooter rack outside the front of school. We would really appreciate any donations of cakes to be dropped off to the school hall on the morning of Thursday 7th March. If you decide to bake a cake, we would need you to include a list of ingredients used so that we can display it next to the cake to cover any allergies. We thank you in advance for your support.

Classroom Visits – Parents are invited to visit their child's classroom and meet their teacher after school on Thursday 21st March 3.30-4pm. We will dismiss all children as normal at home time, once all children have left the classrooms you will be welcomed back inside with your children for them to show you their work space. Please be mindful this is not a parents evening but teachers will be available to answer any quick questions you may have.

Clubs – There is no Y5/6 Boys Football Club on Wednesday 13th March and no KS2 Girls Football Club on Thursday 14th March.

Book of the Week - Reception have been reading "Once There Were Giants" by Martin Waddell. Once there was a baby in the house - and to that baby, Mum and Dad and Jill and John and Uncle Tom were giants. But little by little, that baby grew up - until she became a giant too!



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