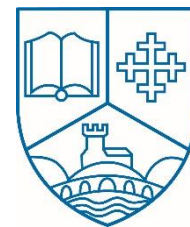


# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



**NEWSLETTER 23 – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

## Dates for the diary

- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – UKS2 Enrichment Day. No PE for Y5 (Miss Waters)
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** - Y5 PE (Miss Waters). Y5/6 PE (Mrs Satchwell) as normal
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Reception Sports Enrichment Day
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – KS1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** - Reception vision screening
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - LKS2 Reading Workshop – **CHANGE OF DATE**
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – Open school 3:30 – 4pm
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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** – went on a visit to Oversley Hill Farm and had a fantastic time. They learnt so much about the farm. They bottle fed the lambs and stroked the cows and calves. Most of the adults and children decided that Dotty was their favourite cow. They saw the scales that calves are weighed on and found out that the weight of three children is the same as a new born calf! All the children had the opportunity to sit in a tractor and they saw how a fresh loaf of bread was made and they even made some butter. The bread and butter was brought back to school for the children to taste.

**KS1** - have been learning all about the Easter story in RE and have been thinking about how Christians celebrate the festival. They have thought about festivals that other religions celebrate and how they compare with Easter. They also took part in All-Stars cricket taster sessions, in which they had loads of fun and it was great to see them joining in with such big smiles on their faces.

The Year 1 children had a visit from the local firefighters. The children learnt the safety phrases 'Stop, drop and roll' and 'Matches and lighters never touch, they can hurt you very much'. They enjoyed watching Mrs Horsburgh get dressed up as a fire fighter. They were encouraged to check the safety of their homes against the firefighter's checklist, ensuring they have working fire alarms and have a fire escape plan for their families.

**LKS2** – As part of world book day, LKS2 looked at the story of Little Red Riding Hood from the wolf's perspective and how the whole situation was a complete misunderstanding. While the wolf was being held in custody the children wrote emails to Judge Justice protesting the wolf's innocence.



**UKS2** - have been doing art inspired by Edvard Munch 'The Scream'. They have created a background using oil pastel and combined mixed media with digital art to create their own version.



## **Sports Enrichment** –

UKS2 will be having their Sports Enrichment day on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Reception classes will be having their Sports Enrichment day on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Please ensure your child comes to school in PE kit that is suitable for indoor and outdoor activities.

- White t-shirt or polo shirt
- Royal blue shorts/skort
- Plain black jersey jogging bottoms or leggings
- Royal blue PE hoodie
- Black trainer/plimssoles



**World Book Day** –It was amazing to see so many different and varied outfits today for World Book Day. Everyone got an opportunity to talk about their character and participate in a range of book related activities across the school. We would like to say thank you to all of the parents who were able



to come in and read with their child, it created a lovely buzz around the school, we hope you enjoyed it as well. Throughout the day, all classes looked at different versions of the traditional tale “Little Red Riding Hood”, they looked at the traditional tale and compared it with that of the Wolf’s story. The children also had great fun guessing which teacher was reading which traditional tale in the Masked Teacher. The winners from each class received a selection of the world book day books.



**School Council Bake Sale** – On Thursday we held a bake sale to raise

funds to buy a new bike / scooter rack for the front of school. Thank you for all donations and to the school council for helping sell the cakes. They are over the moon that they managed to raise over £250!

**Sustrans Big Walk** - Starting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March our school community will be working together to take part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK’s largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs until the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 and we would love everyone to be involved. Where possible we would like children to walk, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as they can during the event. Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children’s daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

**Lip balm and hand creams** – As these are not prescribed items, we are unable to let children have them in class. If you feel your child has a condition that requires treatment, please come and talk to the school office.

**Cleaning Vacancy** – We have a vacancy for an after school cleaner, please collect an application form from the office if you are interested.

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

- **CHANGE OF DATE** Lower Key Stage 2, led by Miss Drissell – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 9am in the hall

The workshops will demonstrate how reading is taught in KS2 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.

**Classroom Visits** – Parents are invited to visit their child’s classroom and meet their teacher after school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> March and no KS2 Girls Football Club on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**Book of the Week** – All classes have been reading “Little Red Riding Hood” today “Oh Granny, what big ears you have! Says Little Red Riding Hood. "All the better to hear you with." snaps back the wolf. They enjoyed finding out how Little Red Riding Hood outwits the wolf.

**Mr A Simms**