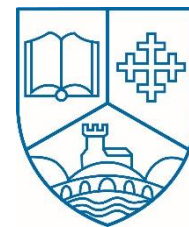


# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



**NEWSLETTER 27– 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

## **Dates for the diary**

- **Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Book Fair 3:20pm hall
- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** - BSA Bags 2 School donations by 9am (see BSA newsletter for more information)
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday Monday school will be closed to children
- **Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 SATs week
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – BSA school disco (more details will be provided nearer the time)
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Open Classes (3:30 – 4:30pm)
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Teacher Training Day school will be closed to children.
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – BSA doughnut sale 3:20pm
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports day (back up day – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July)
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** - The school summer term finishes.

## **Our School’s Vision Statement**

***"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" John 10:10.***

By sowing the seeds of curiosity, creativity, compassion, faith, hope and courage pupils flourish as valued members of the world community, as educated citizens and as part of God’s creation:

***'With God all things are possible' Matthew 19:26.***

Bidford on Avon C of E Primary, through its inclusive Christian ethos promotes the well-being, aspiration and self-worth of all pupils and staff.

**Theme for this Term** – Each term we focus on a theme linked to our vision statement. This term we are looking at responsible decision making. The theme is presented and explored in collective worship and during lessons. To support children’s understanding we use the objectives below to teach children what the themes looks like in everyday life.

Character Attributes	Definition/Goal	Associated skills
<b>Responsible decision making</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>I choose to behave appropriately for myself and towards others.</i></li> <li>• <i>I know how my actions can have a good or bad effect on myself or others.</i></li> <li>• <i>I am able to think about, develop and express my thoughts and ideas.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying problems</li> <li>• Analysing solutions</li> <li>• Solving problems</li> <li>• Evaluating</li> <li>• Reflecting</li> <li>• Ethical responsibility</li> </ul>

Our school’s approach to developing spirituality is available on the school website.

<https://www.bidfordonavon.warwickshire.sch.uk/policies.htm#policies>

**Appointment of new Headteacher** – At the end of last term, the governing body appointed Mr A. Morris. He is an experienced headteacher currently working in Warwickshire and will take over the role in September. During this term, Mr Morris will be working alongside the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to ensure a smooth transition in to his role and time getting to know all about our school.

**Summer Term Topics** – This term’s topics are:

Reception Once upon a time... – The children will be exploring a range of traditional tales such as; Jack and the Beanstalk, The Enormous Turnip, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Gingerbread Man. This will link to exploring food - where food comes from, healthy eating, growing a range of plants and making observation drawings of fruit and vegetables.

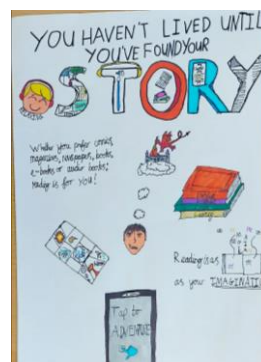
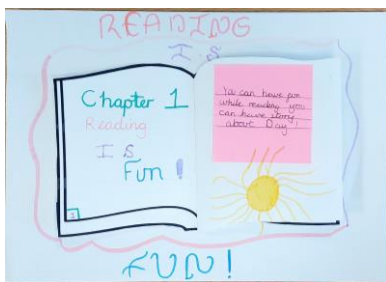
Year 1 & 2 Beside the seaside – The children will be looking at how seaside holidays have changed over the last hundred years. They will think about entertainment and how travel has changed. We will also be focusing on the human and physical geographical features at the coast.

Year 3 & 4 Water of life – The children will be exploring the water cycle, locating rivers around the UK and the world, identifying human and physical features using an OS maps and exploring the different stages of a river.

Year 5 & 6 Investigating India – The children will be looking at where India is in the world and comparing it with other countries around the world. They will also be looking at the human and physical features of the country along with exploring the climate and environmental issues India faces.

**Reception** - have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We shared the story of The Hungry Caterpillar and learnt about symmetry through observing patterns on the wings of butterflies. The children have made pictures of the life cycle using different shaped pasta shells. They have engaged in creative work linked to caterpillars and butterflies such as printing caterpillars and producing pictures of butterflies with symmetrical wings using paints. Some children were lucky enough to even find some caterpillars in the outdoor area!

**Reading Challenge** – Thank you to everyone who brought in an entry for our poster competition. There were so many amazing entries to choose from. However, a huge well done to the winning entries who have all received a £5 gift voucher to spend at next week’s book fair.



**KS1** - have been writing their own adventure story based on their class book *Storm Whale*. They had to take the storm whale back to the ocean and imagine the problems they might come across. Some wrote about angry sharks and others wrote about mean fishermen! We have also been learning more about the history of seaside holidays, finding out more about what it was like to visit the coast in the Victorian era.

**LKS2** - have been practising their sewing skills this week. They have used a number of stitches including running, back stitch and over stitch with a variety of colours.

**UKS2** - Do you know where your 'salle de bains' and 'jardin' can be found? The children in years 5 and 6 are learning about 'Chez moi' this term in our French work, so they should be able to help. We are looking at how to say our home's location in French and also talk about different types of homes. We are having fun learning the vocabulary for different rooms and also having a go at using the 'negative form' - saying what rooms are not found in our homes. It has been particularly lovely to hear how the pronunciation of their phonemes has become increasingly accurate this year, a skill on which everyone has been working particularly hard.

**Book Fair** - We are holding a book fair on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April in school at 3.20pm. Books will be available to purchase using your phone by scanning a QR code and making a payment online, all books are 3 for 2 (cheapest free). There will be four copies of each book available to take on the day, if the book you want has sold out you can still order by scanning the QR code and the book will be delivered to school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Please come along and support this event, there will be books suitable for all year groups and reading abilities.

**Class Photographs** – An email was sent to parents yesterday with links to Tempest Photography for ordering your child's class photograph. The deadline for ordering with free delivery to school is open for approximately 14 days.

**Live Sound Experience** – Several of our musicians took part in a live sound experience day with Mr Badham from Alcester Academy. The workshop gave the pupils a solid working knowledge of how live sounds works from the sound engineers' and the performers' viewpoints. They were joined by a 'Y6 technician' and everyone saw how every member of the team has an important part to play in a performance. The children performed the song "Style" by Taylor Swift to other children in school.



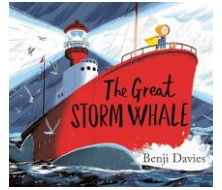
**Football** – Both our boys and girls football teams played matches this week, with both games resulting in draws 4-4 for the boys and 0-0 for the girls. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to support the matches.

**Ringworm** – It has been brought to our attention that there could be cases of ringworm in the school. This can sometimes look like spots of eczema, so please check carefully and ensure you get the correct treatment. More advice about ringworm can be found on the NHS website. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/ringworm/>

#### **Reminders:**

- **Swimming** – Year 4 have started swimming, payment can be made on the gateway app.
- **Music Lessons** – Tuition for the summer term has started, payment can be made on the gateway app.
- **School Dinners** – The cost of school meals has now increased to £2.75.
- **Reception PE** - As the weather starts to warm up, children in Reception class will go outside to do PE. Please bring black pumps/trainers into school on Fridays with their PE kit.

**Book of the Week** – Key Stage 1 have been reading “Storm Whale” by Benji Davies this week. Noi and his father live in a house by the sea, his father works hard as a fisherman and Noi often has only their six cats for company. So when, one day, he finds a baby whale washed up on the beach after a storm, Noi is excited and takes it home to care for it. He tries to keep his new friend a secret, but there's only so long you can keep a whale in the bath without your dad finding out. Noi is eventually persuaded that the whale has to go back to the sea where it belongs. For Noi, even though he can't keep it, the arrival of the whale changes his life for the better - the perfect gift from one friend to another.



Mr A Simms