

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School

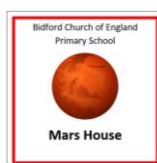


**NEWSLETTER 28– 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**

## **Dates for the diary**

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – **Bank Holiday Monday** school will be closed to children
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** - BSA disco tickets go on sale 3:15pm outside school
- **Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 SATs week
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – BSA school disco (see newsletter attached)
- **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
- **Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July** - School reports will be sent home
- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Parent consultations
- **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**

**Reception** - have been reading the stories of Oliver's Fruit Salad and The Enormous Watermelon. Some children went to the Co-op to purchase a selection of fruit. We used our senses to explore the fruit and made some careful observational drawings of the outside and insides of various fruits. In maths we have been learning about odd and even numbers. In games we are working hard to practise our throwing and catching skills using balls and beanbags. On Thursday during Collective Worship, the Reception children were welcomed in to their school house of either Mars, Saturn, Neptune or Jupiter. Each child has been presented with a certificate stating what house they are in.



**KS1** – In Maths, KS1 have been learning to tell the time. Year 2 have been looking at “o” clock, quarter to, quarter past and half past. All of KS1 have enjoyed their new book in English 'The lighthouse keeper's lunch', and have been exploring speech within the text. In their topic work it has been lovely to see how hard they have all been working to learn about how entertainment has changed by the seaside. They even watched a Punch and Judy show!

**LKS2** –have been working on writing a newspaper report about Professor Jelly and Professor Grimstone's activity at the National History Museum, from finding the sarcophagus of Sennapod to capturing the Lightspeeds and shooting their Blunderbuss full of chocolate and sweets! Maths has seen lots of fraction work across all three classes. Miss Eaves's class have continued their Ancient Egypt topic with researching about the gods and goddesses and creating fact files based on Ra, Horus or Hathor. In RE, they have explored the Golden Rule within a variety of religions and explored the concept of 'Pay It Forward', discussing a variety of ways they can show kindness on a daily basis.

**UKS2** – This week, Year 5 and 6 have been researching Alberto Giacometti as part of their People in Action project in art. The children have been learning all about movement and the different techniques artists use to show movement within pieces of artwork. As one of the most important sculptures of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the children have been looking at examples of Giacometti's work and have been exploring how he used long, tall sculptures to represent people moving. Fascinatingly, the children learnt that Giacometti wasn't sculpting the human body, but the shadows it cast!

**Twinning project** - Yesterday, children in Year 4 had an exciting morning working with local photographer Nick Priest, who is working on a project with Bidford-on-Avon's twin town: Ebsdorfergrund in Germany. Year 4 were tasked with manipulating Nick's photos of Bidford and Ebsdorfergrund to create new outcomes using any creative method they could think of! The children had a lot of fun and created some fantastic pieces of artwork which will be shared with the children in Ebsdorfergrund. Over the next year, Nick will continue to develop the project and we hope to create more communication with our twin town!



**Sleep hygiene** – Some of our pupils in Year 6 have been working on posters to help encourage good bedtime routines. Earlier this year they had a sleep hygiene workshop and have also been learning more recently about the benefits of having a good night sleep. Please see the poster attached.



**Donations –**



If you have any old but suitable children's underwear that could be donated to the school it would be much appreciated. We often provide spare underwear for children who have accidents in the school day but these are often not returned. If you have any clean and suitable girl's or boy's pants that could be donated it would be very beneficial to the school.

We are also developing our forest school area and are asking for donations of a range of equipment such as gardening tools, items for our mud kitchen and even tarpaulin and mats. Please see the attached flyer. Any donations would be gratefully received.



**SPEND** - To all parent/carers of children and young people with additional needs... Spend will be meeting again on Friday 10th May between 9.45am and 11.15am and this month they are welcoming Ben from Flourish at the Farm. Flourish on The Farm is a Therapeutic Alternative Provision for education that supports special education across the Midlands. As always, they will have teas, coffees, biscuits and plenty of opportunity for parent/carers to get to know each other, share experiences and create a great support network right here in our own area. The Depot, Eric Payne Community Centre – off St Faith's Road, Alcester, B49 6AG.

**Reminder** - Please do not let your child climb on Reception or KS1 play equipment when leaving school.

**Book of the Week** – Miss Eaves' class continue to read '*The Boy who Made the World Disappear*'. Harrison has managed to use his black hole balloon to suck up a swimming pool, the school's bike shed, his vegetables, Mr and Mrs Hardwick's dog, Blue, and now Hector Broom, the school bully! Having a black hole was fun at first, but Harrison now realises that disappearing things wasn't as simple as he originally thought.

**Mr A Simms**