

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



**NEWSLETTER 31– 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

## **Dates for the diary**

- **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** - School finishes for the summer term

**Reception** - We have been reading the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have designed our own trolls and have been exploring and building bridges from a variety of resources such as wooden blocks and planks, crates, Lego, foam blocks, guttering and recycled materials. We have enjoyed retelling the story too by acting it out and using small world resources.

**KS1** – This week Key Stage 1 have been learning about Grace Darling and the importance of her life. We have learnt about the heroic act she carried out at a young age, rescuing a group of sailors with her father's help. We have written our own biography about her life. In History, we have been learning about the history of the lighthouse and can tell you about what the main parts are and why they are so important.

**LKS2** – We have been working out the mysterious character in our book, by just knowing the different body parts. The character was actually Lord Webster from the book spider and the fly.

**UKS2** – Well done to all our Year 6 children who have taken their SATs this week. They have all worked really hard to do their best. Today they all enjoyed a fun afternoon with activities on the field.

**Times Tables Rock Stars Y2-Y6**- Starting on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**, our next battle of the bands will commence! Children will compete against other classes in the school and can play on any game type on TTRS to earn points. There will be Most Valuable Player awards for each class. The competition will end on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm** and there is a **playing limit of an hour** every day. Playing hours are between 7.30am and 7.30pm every day. There will also be a special competition on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Teachers/TAs vs Children! Who will earn bragging rights? This competition will start at **7.30am and finish at 3pm**. Children will have the chance to play TTRS at school. Will the teachers be the best or will they be rocked out by the children?! Reception Class will be doing extra maths activities in school and Y1 will be using Numberbots to explore different number activities.

**Parent helpers** – We always try to enhance our topics by linking in educational trips. This is only possible if we have parent helpers to support us to take classes out of school. Next term we have a number of visits planned and we would love for more volunteers to step forward to help ensure these trips can go ahead. If you are interested in helping a DBS would need to be carried out. All you need to do is bring three forms of identification (passport, birth certificate and a recent utility bill - for proof of address) to the office and register your interest. You will then be sent an email to follow the links to the next steps – it is that simple but it would make a huge difference for the school. The process can take up to a month, so please come in next week if you are interested in helping with trips coming up next half term. Up and coming events:

- LKS2 bell boating – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June
- UKS2 Oversley Farm – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June (dates TBC)
- LKS2 Oversley Farm – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June
- UKS2 ISing Pop @St Lawrence's Church - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**Parking** - Please remember to use the car park behind the fire station at drop off and pick up times. There are an increasing number of cars which are not being parked safely e.g. on the crossing, on the zigzag lines and across driveways. The safety of our pupils is paramount and we need the roads around the school to be safe for your children to arrive and leave in a safe manner.

**Clubs** –

- There is no Y5/6 Boys Football Club on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and no KS2 Girls Football Club on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.
- Y3/4 Boys Football Club, Y3/4 Multisports, Y5/6 Boys Football Club, Y2 Multisports Club and Taskmaster will finish next week.

**New clubs** starting after half term:

- Monday Y3/4 Summer Sports (rounders, tennis etc)
- Tuesday Y5/6 Rounders
- Wednesday KS1 & KS2 Cricket Club
- Friday KS1 Summer Sports (rounders, tennis etc).

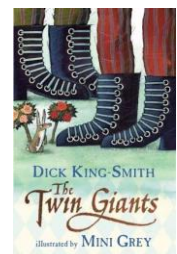
Emails will be sent out later today with links to sign up. If clubs are oversubscribed names will be picked out of a hat and parents will be informed if their child **does not have** a place on the club.

- KS2 Girls football will continue for the same children on a Thursday.

If your child wishes to do one of the clubs you must sign up (even if they are currently doing a club) using the link in the email

**Going Home Notes** – Please send a note in with your child or email in advance if your child is going home with another adult. If you are unable to do this, please **telephone** the office before 2.30pm.

**Book of the Week** – Year two have been enjoying ‘The Giant Twins’ by Dick King-Smith. When twin giants set out in search of happiness, the result is a comedy of errors that is doubly clever and enormously funny.



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