

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 35– 21st June 2024

Dates for the diary

- **Monday 24th June** – UKS2 Enrichment day (come to school wearing PE kit). The children will be outside for most of the day so please apply suncream before they come in to school and send in a sun hat.
- **Thursday 27th June** – No Girls Football club due to an away match.
- **Week beginning 1st July** - School reports will be sent home
- **Monday 1st July** - KS1 Enrichment day (come to school wearing PE kit). The children will be outside for most of the day so please apply suncream before they come in to school and send in a sun hat.
- **Wednesday 3rd July** - EYFS Enrichment day (come to school wearing PE kit). The children will be outside for most of the day so please apply suncream before they come in to school and send in a sun hat.
- **Thursday 4th July** – School Fayre 4.30pm
- **Monday 8th July** - LKS2 Enrichment day (come to school wearing PE kit). The children will be outside for most of the day so please apply suncream before they come in to school and send in a sun hat.
- **Tuesday 9th July** - Ocarina Concert. Parents of children in **Year 2** are invited to watch at 10am, **Year 3** at 11.00am and **Year 4** at 2.30pm in the school hall.
- **Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th July** – Parent consultations
- **Thursday 11th July** – Sports day, Year 3-6 will start at **9.15am** and Rec, Year 1 & 2 at **1.15pm**, parents welcome. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit with a T shirt in their house colour. (back up day – Wednesday 17th July).
- **Monday 15th** - Children in Reception to Year 5 will meet their class teacher for next term. They will have the opportunity to go to their new class for a taster lesson.
- **Tuesday 16th** –Year 6 children will be performing their Leavers Play on Tuesday 16th July at 2pm. Y6 Parents are invited to watch.
- **Friday 19th July** - Year 6 Leavers Service 9.30am, Y6 Parents invited.
- **Friday 19th July** - School finishes at 3:20pm for the summer term.

Reception – have had an exciting week making, cooking and decorating gingerbread men before finally getting to eat them. The children all worked hard weighing out the ingredients, mixing and rolling the dough. They have also sequenced some pictures of how they made the gingerbread men and have written some instructions to help Mrs Roberts make gingerbread men at home.



KS1 – have been joining in the hype of Euro 2024, by finding out about the history of the Euros, countries involved and creating their own fact files full of all the knowledge they have learnt. They have had fun discussing who they think might win and the scores from each match that has taken place so far.

LKS2 – visited Oversley Farm to participate in a river study. They have continued to build on their knowledge of the water cycle, been introduced to the stages of a river, investigated the river flow and been on a mini-

beast hunt. Miss Eaves' class have started exploring their art focus of 'landscapes' by using the grid technique to enlarge a nature landscape, the other LKS2 are looking forward to doing this as well.



UKS2 – have been learning how to write an argument, looking at opinions and reasons to strengthen their case. They were given the heading “The internet should be banned for children under the age 11” which made very interesting reading.

Eco-committee - Last week Ruth from Warwickshire waste management visited and has challenged us to reduce the waste created at lunchtimes. We will be taking on this challenge before the end of term. This week the Eco Team have been measuring what is wasted over an average lunchtime and then we will set a date to improve on this amount. Look out for further details in the weeks to come.

Gypsy, Roma & Traveller History Month - some of our pupils have taken part in the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller history month exhibition at Bidford Library this week. They helped to make a display board and enjoyed going to look at ones created by different schools. They also got to decorate a rock that will be used as part of an ongoing display.

Safeguarding – As you may have seen, we had a visit from the police this week, focussed on their work with the wider community. As a school, we take safeguarding extremely seriously and work closely with a range of outside agencies to ensure all children in the village community are safe. If you ever have any concerns around children in our community please let us know, or call Warwickshire Front Door on 01926 414144

Swimming– Y4 have now finished swimming, please continue to send your child into school in PE kit on Wednesdays.

Clubs – Y4 Card Club on a Friday has now finished.

Book of the Week – Miss Drissell's class have been reading “The Last Polar Bears” by Harry Horse. Grandfather is off on an expedition to the North Pole to find the Last Polar Bears and with him goes Roo - a dog of character and strong views. The intrepid explorers set sail on the good ship Unsinkable and embark on the adventure of a lifetime.

Extension to the school day

The governing body are currently discussing extending the school day by 5 minutes until 3.25pm. This is to meet the DfE new minimum expectations of a 32.5 hour school week. This will come into effect from September.

Mr A Simms