

# Bidford on Avon

## Church of England Primary School



**NEWSLETTER 37– 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

### **Dates for the diary**

- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July** - LKS2 Enrichment day (come to school wearing PE kit). The children will be outside for most of the day so please apply sunscreen before they come in to school and send in a sun hat.
- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Parent consultations
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> July).
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** - 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 16<sup>th</sup>** – Y4 (Miss Eaves and Miss Drissell's Y4 children) – Warwickshire Sings Concert
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** –Year 6 children will be performing their Leavers Play on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. **Y6 Parents are invited to watch.**
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Leavers Service 9.30am, **Y6 Parents invited.**
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** - School finishes at 3:20pm for the summer term.

**Reception** – have written and sent home an invitation to their bears ahead of the teddy bears picnic in school on Tuesday 9th July. The children discovered a right mess in their classrooms this week which has led them to the story of Goldilocks and the three bears and investigating the mischief the bears got up to!

**KS1** – have been learning about plastic pollution and the effects it has on the environment and wildlife. They have been reading a story called 'Somebody swallowed Stanley ' by Sarah Roberts. The book is about a plastic bag called Stanley who finds himself in the ocean being swallowed by different animals. The children have really engaged and are becoming experts on how to help our planet by reducing plastic pollution.

**LKS2** – are working hard in all subjects carrying out lots of exciting projects. For example, in Art, they are focusing on landscape and are drawing and then painting a landscape drawing of the Bidford bridge, as viewed from the meadow. In Design and Technology, they have started a sandwich project. The children have tasted different types of bread and will be designing, making and tasting a sandwich. Which will be voted the children's favourite? In Science, they are learning about electricity - how it is generated, sources of electricity, electricity safety and electrical circuits. They'll be making electrical circuits using wires, a bulb and battery and adding a switch to the circuit.

**UKS2** – Year 6 had a fabulous "iSing Pop" day at Bidford Church on Wednesday where they met with children from Temple Grafton School and shared memories of primary school and their hopes for secondary school. The highlight of the day was their performance of four songs they had learnt during the day, which proved to be an emotional experience for the audience!

**Pupil Reports** – All children have brought home their reports for this academic year along with their attendance report. Next week we are holding parent consultations if you wish to discuss the report with your child's teacher

**School council** – Following a meeting that the school council had with Educators (who supply our school meals), we now have in place a salad bar. Each day a range of fresh salad is available for all hot dinner pupils to select from. This has been an amazing addition to our lunches for all pupils from Reception to Year 6. We would like to say a huge thank you to the BSA are funding the purchase of the salad bar.



### **Annual pupil cups**

If your child was awarded a cup in the 2023 leaver's service can you please return it to school, so that the children can pass the award on to this year's nominees in the upcoming 2024 service.

**Bidford School Association** – We would also like to say a huge thank you to the BSA for organising and running our very successful Summer fayre yesterday. The rain managed to hold off and we really appreciate the support from all of the families that attended.

**Bidford talent show** – The Year 6 judging panel and Mrs Satchwell have been watching lots of wonderful auditions and the successful acts have been informed. If your child was successful and is in the talent show, please remember to send them with any props or costumes on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July. We are looking forward to seeing their performances.

**St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church** – The First Holy Communion Programme in Bidford is starting in November 2024. Please email [eileenjinks@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eileenjinks@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.

**Book of the Week** – Mrs Roberts' class are reading "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" by Susanna Davidson.. Goldilocks was always told, "Don't go into the forest. It's full of big scary bears." But Goldilocks went into the forest anyway.

**Mr A Simms**



This summer, children aged 4-11 can visit [Warwickshire Libraries](#) to join the 'Marvellous Makers' Summer Reading Challenge, firing up their imaginations through the power of reading and creative expression.

#### The Summer Reading Challenge:

- Significantly **improves reading confidence** and independence
- Ensures pupils are **ready for their return to school**, preventing the summer reading 'dip'
- Aids the **successful transition** between year groups and key stages
- Contributes to *all* pupils' **achievement**
- Encourages **extra-curricular activity** – encouraging family engagement with reading
- Develops links between your school, the library and the **wider community**

#### For children who took part in 2023:

- **80% read more** over the summer holidays
- **70% improved** their reading skills
- **72% felt more confident** about their reading

#### How it works:

- Children sign up through their local library from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July and receive a collector's poster.
- They set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives.
- Library staff and volunteers help children to discover new books that suit their

interests and reading level and run a programme of free themed activities in the library.

- Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a certificate and medal. You could **organise a special assembly to present the certificates** in the new term.
- Children can take part online, too! [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

#### **Key Dates:**

- The Summer Reading Challenge starts on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July
- The Summer Reading Challenge ends on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

#### **About The Summer Reading Challenge**

The Summer Reading Challenge has been running since 1999 and helps to prevent the summer reading 'dip' that many young people experience during their summer holidays while schools are closed. With delivery through public libraries, the Summer Reading Challenge is accessible to all and provides a fun, free activity for children. In 2023, the Summer Reading Challenge reached 685,821 children and families across the UK, with 635,115 children taking part through their local library service. The Challenge also drove 133,697 new children's library memberships which is 42% higher than the 2019 pre-pandemic total.

Marvellous Makers is the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge theme, developed in partnership with Create, a charity bringing creative arts to those in need. The theme aims to inspire children's creativity and storytelling abilities through reading. Taking place in libraries and online, the Challenge will provide opportunities for children to explore their imagination and creativity in a supportive environment through activities like junk modelling, arts & crafts, music and more.

#### **Warwickshire Libraries Summer Events:**

- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 11am-4pm **Summer Reading Challenge Launch Fun Day's** at Lillington and Stockingford Libraries. We are inviting children aged 4-11 years to come along to the Library on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> to join this year's Summer Reading Challenge - Marvellous Makers and take part in fun, free creative activities, and workshops. Free drop-in events for children 4-11 and their families.
- 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> August - **Myths and Masks**. Enter the Labyrinth (an interactive Story and Craft Game). Come and be a marvellous myth and mask maker with Storyteller and mask artist Pyn Stockman. Journey through an interactive storytelling adventure full of puzzles, craft, and lots of fun. [Find locations, times and booking info on Eventbrite.](#)
- We will be hosting **fun, free Marvellous Maker themed activities** across all County Council managed Warwickshire Libraries this summer. Pop into [your local library](#) to find out what's on or [browse events on Eventbrite.](#)