

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## NEWSLETTER 8– 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Dates for your Diary-

- **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.**
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** - Y1/2 (Mrs Jones’s class) will have forest school. Instead of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** - An extra PE session for Y3 (Mr Thackway’s class). Children to come dressed in PE kits.
- **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.
  
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – Return to school for the Autumn term. Please remember the school day will be extended by 5minutes, meaning that we will be finishing at 3:25pm. The gates will continue to be unlocked at 8:45am with the school day starting at 8:55am.
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Teacher training day – school closed to pupils

**Reception** - concluded their learning based on Goldilocks and The Three Bears by having a teddy bears' picnic. The children wrote invitations to their bears and made sandwiches and rice crispy cakes as part of their picnic preparations. The children enjoyed going on a bear hunt before sitting down with their bears to enjoy their picnic.

**KS1** - had an amazing seaside day! They painted a seaside scene on their pebbles, made their own map, designed their own kites which they loved and enjoyed making their own Punch and Judy puppets. The day was rounded off with a tasty ice cream and some water squirting games! Thank you to parents for helping to make the children look beach ready!



**LKS2** - have finished their own versions of *Spider and the Fly* using fabulous figurative language and lots of speech between the two characters, we feel some of the versions are better than the original! Also, after designing the sandwiches last week, each class had a vote to decide the top three to be made. This week, each child has made one of the top three sandwiches from each class, followed by taste testing and evaluating each one. Each class then voted on their overall favourite: Year 3 *The Ultimate Hat trick* (containing ham, cheese and sweetcorn in tiger bread), Year 3/4 *Big Boys Sandwich* (containing ham,

melted cheese and cucumber) and Year 4 *The No Crusty Bacon* (containing bacon, sweetcorn, spinach and cress in crustless tiger bread).

### **UKS2** –

Year 5 have been researching the Euro's Football Competition in math's. The children learnt about the history of the competition and where it is being hosted this year. They then used the fixtures table to read and interpret data. They were able to find out which teams have played who, when they played and where in Germany each game took place. They then researched the different stadiums that are hosting the games throughout the competition and used the data to read, order and compare each stadium's capacity.

Year 6 have enjoyed researching possible careers they might like in the future, the route needed to fulfil their dream job along with its salary and benefits. They then explored the concept of taxation and used their math's knowledge to find monthly gross salaries. The amount of tax that needed to be paid and the net salaries. We are sure some of the Year 6 pupils are budding accountants as they managed this so well!

### **Go Fund Me Page**

As some of you may already be aware, a pupil in our Reception Class has recently been diagnosed with a brain tumor. There are still a lot of unknowns as Walter continues to undergo testing but whatever happens next, it will be a very difficult time for the family. A Go Fund Me page has been created by a friend of the family, after a number of people expressed a desire to provide financial assistance and to help alleviate some of the monetary pressures, allowing Laura and Andy to focus solely on Walter in this time of need. We hope this money will allow Walter and his family to make special memories and have some positive experiences together whilst going through this incredibly difficult time.

If you would like to make a contribution you can do so here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/wishes-for-walter-fundraising-for-walter-and-his-family>

**Sports Day** – We would like to thank all of the parents, carers and family members who came to support and cheer on our pupil's at sports day. Children for all Key Stages took part in a range of races and earned points for their house. Saturn House were declared the winners of KS2 and there were joint winners for KS1 with Jupiter and Mars scoring the most points. We are very pleased that Mr Simms won the KS2 teacher's egg and spoon race (although there are rumours that the spoon he used may have given him an advantage!). We are sure Mr Simms would have also won the KS1 race if it had not been for a false start, nevertheless the teachers kept running and although Mrs Horsborough started well she was pipped at the post by Mr Plumbe.

**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.

**Football** – Last Friday, Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 Girls Football teams played at the Alcester Town Girls Football Tournament. The girls had a wonderful evening with one of our three teams reaching the final. They had to go to the dreaded penalties, which they unfortunately lost. Well done and congratulations to all the girls and thank you to parents for transport and support.

**Ocarina Concert** – The pupils in Year 2, 3 and 4 entertained their parents on Tuesday with an Ocarina Concert. The children enjoyed playing a range of songs that they have been learning over the year and really impressed us with how much they had improved over the year and for performing so confidently.

**Summer Reading Challenge** – Mrs Ballard from Bidford Community Library introduced the children to the ‘Summer Reading Challenge’ on Monday. Children need to be library members to take part but the library staff will be delighted to help children get enroll and get started. The theme this year is ‘Marvellous Makers’. You can find out more by following this link: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

**Annual pupil cups** – If your child was awarded a cup in the 2023 leaver’s service can you please return it to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, so that the children can pass the award on to this year’s nominees in the upcoming 2024 service.

**Carrier bags** – Please can you send your child in to school on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** with a bag for life/strong carrier bag so that they are able to bring home their school books and other belongings at the end of the week.

#### **Clubs Update** –

- Maths Club (Mon-Fri), Year 4 Cooking Club (Mon), KS1 & KS2 Cricket club (Wed), Artbase (Wed) and KS1 Summer Sports (Fri) have now finished for this term.
- LKS2 Summer Sports (Mon), UKS2 Rounders (Tues) and Girls Football (Thurs) will continue next week.

**Music** – Lessons have now finished for this term.

**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.

**PGL Y6 September 2024** – The last PGL installment is due today, please make a payment online.

**New Classes** – Children will meet their new class teacher on Monday next week. As you may know, we will unfortunately be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Mills who is retiring after working at Bidford Primary school for 21 years, but giving a warm welcome to Mr Nailor who will be joining us.

The classes will be:

Year 1 - Mrs Horsburgh & Mrs Bond

Year 1/2 - Mrs Jones & Mrs Flavell

Year 2 - Mr Nailor (KS1 lead)

Year 3 - Mr Thackway

Year 3/4 - Miss Eaves

Year 4 - Mr Plumbe (LKS2 lead)

Year 5 - Miss Waters

Year 5/6 - Mrs Satchwell & Mr Batts

Year 6 - Miss Drissell (UKS2 lead)

**Book of the Week** – Year 4 have been reading “Let’s do the Pharaoh!” by Jeremy Strong. Sennapod ('he whose name mumbles down the ages'), the ancient Egyptian pharaoh, is still living at 27 Templeton Terrace with the Lightspeed family. By accident, he wins a competition to find the Face of the Future, and soon designer bandages and doing the pharaoh dance become all the rage. But he's also recognised by villains Jelly and Grimstone who are still after his treasure map. Comic chaos follows as the chase ends up in hospital with loads of people in bandages - designer and otherwise - plus the usual collection of cats who follow Sennapod around. But, hooray, the villains are caught, the treasure map is safe and Sennapod can go on living happily with the Lightspeeds.

**Mr A Simms**



# Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



## Tips for helping your child to manage change

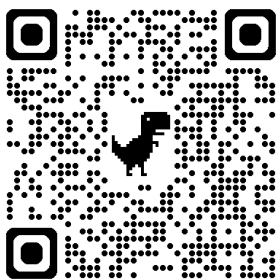
Change is a normal part of life that we all experience. For our young people changes may include moving house, experiencing loss, moving into a new school year, or transitioning to a new school.

The experience of change can feel different for everyone, some changes may feel exciting while others may cause worry and anxious feelings to develop. This can be due to the feeling of uncertainty and elements of the change maybe being out of our control.

### Our top tips:

1. Managing routines – This can be helpful to reduce some feelings of uncertainty and provide comfort/stability during these times.
2. Acknowledge your young persons' emotions and make space to talk these through. Focus on what can be controlled about the situation and what parts have gone well.
3. Set goals – Having something to focus on during a period of transition and focusing on achievements towards this, no matter how big or small, can be helpful in building confidence.

#### Top ten tips for parents:



#### A guide to managing transitions:



#### A video on managing the transition to Secondary School:



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MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.



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