

Bidford on Avon
Church of England Primary School
NEWSLETTER 15 – 20th December 2024



Dates for your Diary (New dates/changes added in green):

- Monday 6th January – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)
- Tuesday 7th January - Spring term beginning for pupils
- Tuesday 10th January – LKS2 Anglo-Saxon Topic day (more information will be emailed)
- Friday 17th January – Young Voices concert
- Monday 20th January – Reception phonics workshop at 2.15pm (more information to follow)
- Tuesday 21st January – Reception phonics workshop at 9.15am (more information to follow)
- Thursday 6th February – Parents Evening
- Tuesday 11th February – Parents Evening
- Wednesday 12th February – Reception space theme dress up day (more information to follow)
- Friday 14th February – Break up for half term
- Monday 24th February – Children return to school
- Tuesday 4th March – KS1 Frozen Topic day (more information will be emailed)
- Thursday 6th March – World book day (Theme/focus TBC)
- Friday 21st March – Comic Relief Day
- Friday 28th March – Non uniform Day (chocolate donation)
- Friday 4th April until 11 April – Book Fair
- Friday 4th April – Easter Bingo
- Tuesday 8th April – UKS2 WWII Trip
- Friday 11th April – Easter Eggstravaganza activities
- Friday 11th April – Break up for Easter
- Friday 23rd May – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)
- Monday 21st July – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

Reception – have had such a fun time during the last week of term. We began our week by making some Christmas cookies. This was followed by performing our Christmas songs to parents which we were so excited about. We decorated our cookies and finished off our Christmas craft activities to bring home. Another excitement for us was a visit to our classrooms from Father Christmas!

KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2) – On Wednesday, the KS1 children thoroughly enjoyed the church service and sang so beautifully, and the Year 2 children who helped with the recount of the Nativity performed.

This week they have been evaluating their D&T project have been learning about positive and constructive criticism of their designs. Furthermore, the children really loved taking part in the Santa run and gave it a real effort to complete the distance. Well done to the children this term for trying their best and we wish them a Happy Christmas Break!



LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) – have had a wonderful Christmas time! We have made Christmas cards, snow globes and loved going to church to celebrate together as a school. We have also written a story in our special writing books, based on 'The snowman'. We thought of our own snowman and an adventure we went on together. We have also loved doing some Christmas problem solving in Maths, with Hare class (Year 4) using logical thinking to solve problems about Santa and his elves! Fox class (Year 3/4) applied their arithmetic skills to Christmas present buying, making sure they didn't go over budget!

Thank you to all our Year 3 and 4 families for supporting the children with their learning this term. We are looking forward to starting a new topic in the New Year and sharing our learning with you.

UKS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6) - To conclude their topic this term, Year 5 and 6 have been learning about ancient Greek legacies. They learnt a lot about their influence on our lives today, including the Olympics, democracy, theatre and architecture.

Santa Run –

It was wonderful to see and sea of Santa hats running around the school field on Thursday to complete their Santa run in aid of Shakespeare Hospice. So far, we have managed to raise £260 but it would be wonderful to have a few more donations to show how proud we are of their achievement.

www.justgiving.com/campaign/bidford-on-avon-santasforschools2024



Notes/Reminders

- **School day**, starts at 8.55am, school gates open at 8.45am
- **School dinners**, there will be no jacket potato option on Tuesday 7th January

A polite request: Please can all children including younger siblings refrain from using equipment in the Reception and KS1 outdoor areas at the end of the school day.

Book of the Week – Mr Nailor's class have been reading Cockatoos by Quentin Blake.

Professor Dupont is the proud owner of ten troublesome cockatoos. When his "feathered friends" as he calls them, escape one fine morning, the subsequent hide and seek makes a wonderfully enjoyable story



It has once again been an exciting term with lots of things to enjoy and it has been so wonderful getting to know everybody.

It is a real privilege to be Headteacher of Bidford on Avon CofE Primary School and be part of such a marvellous team, who always go the extra mile to provide the best for all of the children in our care. Partnered with this, we have amazing children and fantastic parents which really does make for a winning combination!

This has been a really busy week in school with Christmas lunch, visit to Church and a very mischievous Christmas Elf who has found his way into our school!

It is such a special time within school where we get to see the children enjoying the magic of Christmas and their building excitement. Tomorrow that excitement will continue with the Village Nativity which starts at St Joseph's at 3:00pm. The children (and their families) are all invited to come and bring their lanterns that they have made in school.

Many thanks for your generosity of the gifts and cards that have been already given to all the staff in school. It is greatly appreciated.

Could I please remind everybody that the children return to school on the 7th January. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year with some more fantastic learning adventures for the children within school.

Mr A Morris

Santa run and Elf antics!

