Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 19 – 31st January 2025

Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

Thursday 6th February – Parents Evening (appointments now available to book)

Friday 7th February – Athletics Club Competition at Alcester Grammar (more information will be emailed)

Tuesday 11th February – Parents Evening (appointments now available to book)

Wednesday 12th February – Reception space theme dress up day (more information to follow)

Friday 14th February – Break up for half term

Friday 14th February – Doughnut sale (treats on sale after school)

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)

Friday 27th June – School Summer Fayre and Circus

Monday 21st July – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

Reception – have been learning about the Lunar New Year and how it is prepared for and celebrated in China.

Activities included tasting Chinese food and making dragon puppets. The dragon puppets were used for dancing and the children made their own music using drums and cymbals. They really enjoyed participating in a class dragon dance. The children learnt that they were born in either the year of the pig (2019) or the rat (2020).









KS1 (Y1,Y1/2 & Y2) – have been enjoying exploring shades and tints during our art day. We've been exploring artwork by Nerys Levy and produced a fantastic final piece of work. In addition, we have explored primary and secondary colours to help us with our shading and tinting. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and are excited to take them home!

<u>LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4)</u> – have had another fantastic week. In History, they have been learning about the story of Sutton Hoo and were amazed by what they learnt – please ask them about it. In English, we wrote step by step advice on how to train a dragon! The children produced some lovely pieces of work and lots have been put on display in the KS2 corridor.

<u>KS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6</u>) - have been looking at the precautions put in place during World War 2. They have been learning about the role of ARP wardens, creating informative Black Out posters, finding out about evacuees and have even begun to make their own gas mask box!

Football

Our Boys team played St Mary's again on Wednesday. The game ended with a draw of 1-1. The boys played a fantastic game, well done! Thank you to all the parents for taking the children to St Mary's and supporting the team.

Please can we ask if your child has played in a school football match and still has kit at home, could this be returned to school ASAP, we have lots of kit missing from previous games.

Nut Allergies & medicines

Several children and staff in school have severe nut allergies. Please help us ensure their safety by not including any nut products in packed lunches, this includes Nutella in sandwiches. Please also remember that **all** medicines need to be handed in to the office so medicine can be administered by a member of the office team. Medicine needs to be prescribed and in a labelled container.

Book of the Week – Years 5 & 6 have been reading 'Umbrella Mouse' and will be using the events to support their topic of World War II. Pip lives with her family in a famous umbrella shop in London, but when the shop is bombed, our courageous mouse finds that her world will never be the same again.

This week it has been lovely seeing more of our creative curriculum in action. I was delighted to see the children in Reception class celebrating Chinese New Year with fantastic art activities, an amazing dragon dance and some wonderful food! My only complaint would be that I didn't get to share all of that wonderful food!! KS1 has turned into a creative hub with some fantastic artwork being demonstrated. Some amazing demonstrations of fantastic colour mixing and some real Mondrian masterpieces!

I really enjoy seeing our creative curriculum in action as I think it allows the children to live their learning experiences and really develop that experience of immersing themselves into their learning. I shouldn't forget our children in KS2 where I have seen some amazing myths being created!

I hope you have all managed to book up your parent consultations in readiness for next week and the following week. These are a great opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and find out about everything they have achieved, as we approach the marker of being half way through the academic year!

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Mr. A Morris





st Matthew's Church presents

the Parable KEEPER

Tuesday 11th March

Join us at Church for a special 1 hour performance exploring many of the parables of Jesus by theatre company '4Front' with energetic songs and interactive storytelling.

This show is suitable for the whole family, with enough fun to keep little ones engaged and enough laughs to keep the grown-ups smiling the whole way through.

> £3 per person. Follow the QR code to prepay for tickets



6-7 pm