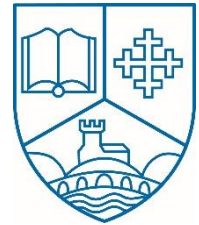


Bidford on Avon

Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 20 – 7th February 2025

Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

Tuesday 11th February – Parents Evening

Wednesday 12th February – Reception space theme dress up day (more information has been emailed)

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 (details below)

Thursday 20th March – Class Photos

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 more about the planets in the solar system. They have been learning about day and night and sequencing activities in their day. They have enjoyed creating some planet pictures using tissue paper, paints and chalks – all of which look fantastic.

KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2) – have been learning about materials in science. They have explored what different materials are made from and what different objects can be made from. In Year 2, they are learning about multiplication by sharing and grouping, along with beginning to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They have learnt about the different climates in geography and revisited the song about the oceans and continents, which the children can't get out of their heads! Next week the children will look forward to starting our 'Who is Jesus?' R.E. unit and exploring some other religious ideas.

LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) – have been working hard this week. In English, they created their own dragons, thinking about their appearance and special powers. Next week, they will be creating a Top Trumps card about their dragons. In Science, they have been testing the strength of magnets, ask them how they did this! It has been another busy week and we have been massively impressed with them as always!

KS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6) - have been exploring reversible and irreversible changes through a series of scientific experiments. In the experiments, the children used heat to transform bread to toast, snapped glowsticks to produce light, and even mixed bicarbonate of soda with vinegar and with citric acid solution to create different chemical reactions. The children had a lot of fun working scientifically as they explored how materials change and the highlight of it all for the children, was watching Miss Waters get covered in vinegar!



Athletics Competition

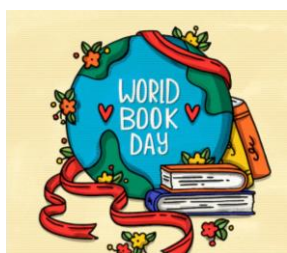
Some of our Year 5 & 6 children went to an athletics competition at Alcester Grammar School today, competing against eight other schools. All the children had a very enjoyable morning and did an amazing job in the field and track events. We are very proud of the children for coming 4th overall, well done!



World Book Day

We welcome children to come to school on Thursday 6th March dressed as a character from their favourite book. Please do not feel you need to purchase a costume, homemade costumes are perfect!

At 9:05am we would like to welcome parents to come in and read with their child. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have parents moving freely around the school, but we would like you to select a class to visit and sit and enjoy a story with your child in that class.



Workshops

We are very excited to be working alongside Change Makers (healthy lifestyle services) to offer our families access to a FREE 7week programme, in which families can learn about good nutrition, staying active and other healthy living topics. Throughout the seven fun, interactive weekly sessions, the whole family can get involved in activities like preparing and tasting new food and playing group games, as well as getting lots of practical advice, guidelines and tips on healthy lifestyles. The sessions will take place weekly at school each Thursday at 3:25pm. During the session, an adult needs to accompany their child so you can join in the sessions together. Next Thursday, there will be a whole school assembly in which the pupils will learn about this exciting opportunity and they will bring home more information about the workshops and how to sign up.



A message from Stratford-on-Avon Food Bank

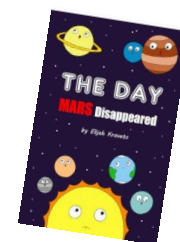
February half term is two weeks away so we are writing to remind you of how we are increasing our support to local families who need us. We are conscious that the lack of school meal provision during the Half Term break will add extra strain on families. So, in addition to our standard food parcels, we are also including a child's lunch box hamper. This will include enough lunchtime food for five days-worth for the number of children within the household. We will start this project on Friday 14th to Friday 21st February.

If your families need emergency food support over the Half Term break, they can use the 'Help through Hardship' phone line on 0808 208 2138 or families can contact us directly on 07736 929 029.

Note/Reminders

- There will be **NO** Jacket Potato option on Monday 10th February
- Please ensure if driving near the school, are you considerate of your speed? Also please refrain from parking outside our neighbouring houses, please use the free car park behind the fire station
- If your child has a Strep A infection, they will need to remain off school for 24 hours after they start taking antibiotics
- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they will need to remain absent from school for 48 hours from the last episode
- Please can we ensure bikes/scooters are kept in the bike rack and are away from the entrance to the library entrance
- If some different is collecting your child/children, please make the office aware by lunchtime of that day

Book of the Week – Mrs Ellwood's class have been reading 'The Day Mars Disappeared' by Elijah Kravets. This interesting and kind story is about Space and Mars. Mars is one of the planets in our Solar System, who thought there was nothing special about him. He considered that all planets had something unique in their nature and they were all beautiful except him. However, as all other planets along with the Sun were friendly and loved Mars, they pointed out to Mars's uniqueness.



It has been a very busy half term (only one week left to go!) with lots going on and a real buzz of excitement within school.

It was lovely to have so many of you coming to our parent consultations last night to find out about the great progress your children have made over this term. I look forward to seeing more of you next Tuesday evening when you will get to share that same joy. It is a real team effort and I know the staff really appreciate the time to share your child's achievements with you.

As we are almost at the end of the first half of the year, I would once again like to thank all of you for your tremendous support through this year. Working together allows us to offer the very best education for all the children within the school.

As mentioned already, today we have sent some of our Year 5 and 6 children off to an athletics competition to represent the school. I am so pleased that they all had a good time and represented the school so well – we are very proud of them.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend!

Mr. A Morris