



# Barford St. Peter's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School

## Together we love; together we learn

### Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

This week has been somewhat blighted by staff illness, however this has provided me with the opportunity to spend time covering classes and spending more time with the children, which has been such a blessing.

I have been thoroughly impressed with children's outstanding behaviour, as well as their positive learning attitudes. It is astounding to see how much progress they have all made in their first few weeks in their new year groups, particularly with their writing. I have been particularly pleased with the pride children are showing in the presentation of their work too.

We were very fortunate to have a professional theatre company perform 'The Great Fire of London' to years 1, 2 and 3 on Thursday. It was an excellent performance and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The highlight of the week has undoubtedly been the Reception welcome service. The Reception children were incredible and so courageous! It is heart warming to see how well supported they are by their kind and caring year 6 buddies. We are very proud of you all!

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Mrs Mary Baker

#### Barfest

A huge thank you to all the FABs committee, and in particular Ali Swan, Char Warwick and Emily Cox in organising such a successful event which was enjoyed by many both within the school and wider community. The event raised £3578 which will help to fund larger projects to the benefit of all the children. The FABs committee worked incredibly hard during the planning, execution and clearing up to ensure the event ran smoothly.



#### FABs Needs You!

FABS is appealing for parents, carers or teachers to join the committee so that it can continue to raise funds for school. We are in urgent need of new members.

The FABs AGM will be held on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm**. All are welcome to attend and if you would like to join us at the meeting, please email [fabs.treasury@gmail.com](mailto:fabs.treasury@gmail.com).

Thanks in advance for your support.

#### Bicycles and Scooters

Please could you support us in reminding children that scooters, balance bikes and bikes should not be ridden on the school grounds either before or after school? This can be very dangerous when there are younger siblings around. There are several children consistently riding bikes and scooters, particularly on the back playground. Thank you.



#### Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning next Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Please do come along and join us from 10am for coffee and cake. Children will come into the hall between 10am and 10.30am to collect a cake.

If you are able to donate any cakes (either shop bought or homemade), please bring them along to the office by the end of the day on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.



## What we've been learning

### Reception

Our reception children have really started to find their way around our classroom and the school. Any morning tears soon turn to smiles as children come in and see their new friends busy with our morning activities. This week we have introduced the children to 'Dough Disco' where we all do our hand exercises with playdough to music!

Our focus books have been 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson and 'Lets build a house' by Mick Manning. We have used these books to explore comparison and counting in maths. We have also used them to sequence and retell a story and to inspire us with some impressive building projects.

This week we have also started learning about phonemes in phonics! On Tuesday afternoon we all became superheroes making all sorts of accessories and learning how to write 's'. We had wonderful weather for forest school this week and spent some time looking for leaf litter, sorting it and counting it.



### Year 1

In Year 1, our topic is toys and so far we have been talking about old and new toys. In English we have been reading a book called 'Lost in the Toy Museum'. It is about a cat called Bunting and all the toys run away from Bunting.

In science we have been learning about parts of plants and we have been labelling the parts of plants. In maths we have been counting backwards and forwards to ten. Also, in RE, we have been thinking about where God is now and we have been drawing pictures of

where people pray. We have also drawn crosses on a piece of paper. In Art we have been making ways of drawings with different pencils. **By Henry T and Josslyn.**

### Year 2

In year 2 we have been learning about The Great Fire of London in 1666. We have been learning about this in English, topic and art. We know that when the fire was happening, Samuel Pepys buried his precious things which included a wheel of cheese, a bottle of wine and some scrolls of writing. This was his diary. We made a timeline of the events and we also thought about what London was like in 1666 and what London is like now.



In art, we have been using charcoal to create a painting by Turner. We were trying to make our picture look smoky. In maths we have been partitioning two-digit numbers and putting numbers on a numberline. We have started our guided reading lessons, our spelling and phonics lessons and P.E. too. In R.E. we have been looking at things that are special to Jewish people like the Mezuzah. **By George and Artur**

### Year 3

In year 3 we have been learning about the Stone Age. First we went to Compton Verney. We did a carousel of activities in the forest. There was bread making, den building, artefacts, fire making and weaving with pool!

In English we have been writing diaries for a really good day. We have also written a recount about the Stone Age and our trip to Compton Verney. In maths we have been learning our number bonds to 100 and we have also been doing lines of symmetry and creating patterns with them. In art, we have been creating cave paintings with pastels and testing all the colours and the different shades we can make with them. **By Matilda & Elise W**

## Year 4

In topic we have been learning all about Ancient Egypt. To help us develop our knowledge, Mr Egypt came in and taught us all about Ancient Egypt and we also drew our own time lines! We really enjoyed it. In Spanish with Mrs Del Rio we have been learning numbers up to 3 and our greetings. In English we have been basing our writing on our class text called 'Ancient Egyptian sleepover'. **By Mia & Niaalassya**



## Year 5

This week we have been learning about deforestation. We wrote poems in English using descriptive language. In maths, we are learning to round numbers to the nearest ones, tens, hundreds, thousands, ten thousands, hundred thousand and even one million!

In science we made parachutes and dropped them from different heights. They were also different shapes! In Spanish with Mrs Del Rio we have been recapping our learning from last year. **By Liz & Sybil**

## Year 6

In year 6, we have been learning about Shakespeare's Macbeth. We have been writing soliloquies from Macbeth's point of view and writing letters from Macbeth to Lady Macbeth.

In science, we have been learning about light and how it helps us see things. In maths, we have been learning about rounding and negative numbers. We have been recapping our year 5 learning in Spanish as well as learning some of the nationalities. In art, we have been working on tonal shading and learning how to draw 3D shapes. We have made videos on this subject to help us understand it.

In RE we have been writing down some of the world's biggest questions. Our topic is the Tudors and to help us understand this, we have drawn time lines. **By Claudia, Harry J & Imogen H**

## This Week's Prayer



Father God,

We thank you for all the children who have joined our school family in the last few weeks. Bless both them and their families as they settle into life at Barford St. Peter's, and thank you for everyone who has helped them begin their journey with us.

**Amen**

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

**Matthew 19:14**

## School Fund

Thank you to those of you who have contributed to the school fund. This money really does make a huge difference to what we are able to purchase for the children. Thank you for your generosity.

## Autumn Term Dates 2023

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 5pm	Reception phonics & tapestry meeting
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 10am	Macmillan coffee morning
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 9am	Harvest Festival @ St. Peter's
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 cake sale
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Family Service @ St. Peter's
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Family Quiz Night
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 1pm to 5pm	Parents' Meetings (via zoom)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm to 7pm	Parents' Meetings (via zoom)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 4 Cake Sale
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	Christingle Service @ St. Peter's Church
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	KS1 & Reception Christmas Show
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 5pm	KS1 & Reception Christmas Show
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 10am	Whole school visit to 'Nativity'
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 5pm	KS2 Christmas Performance (Years 3/4/5)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	KS2 Christmas Performance (Years 3/4/5)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 1.30pm	Christmas Carol Service @ St. Peter's Church

