

NEWSLETTER 5 – 8th October 2010

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Harvest Festival – This week we welcomed Rev Ruth Walker as she joined in our Harvest celebrations. Thank you to parents for their kind donations and for joining us and taking part! The Harvest sale raised £142 and will be given to Water Aid, a charity who help provide clean water in developing countries.

Cloudburst Presentation - Year 6 took part in a workshop based on the book 'Cloudburst' by Malorie Blackman. This powerful novel is written in a series of poems and looks at the issues of bullying and friendships. The children enjoyed an excellent reading of the book by a professional actor followed by activities and discussions.

Cycling Awareness - a number of children in years 5 and 6 have completed their cycling awareness course this week – you may have seen them out in their high-vis vests!

Parent's Evening – Thank you for returning your requests for the Parents Evenings on Tuesday 19 Oct and Weds 20 Oct. Appointments will be sent home next week.

Tempest Photography – Please return photograph orders by WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER. Any children who were absent will have their photograph taken on 9 November.

Dressing Up Clothes - We are keen to collect resources for a dressing-up box for children's use during break and lunch times. Role-play and Drama is particularly beneficial for developing children's imagination, creativity and confidence. We would be very grateful if you could donate any clothing or suitable items for this purpose, for example: hats, bags, scarves, gloves, shoes, party clothes or fancy dress. Please hand in anything you can spare to the office over the next few weeks.

Warwickshire Junior Choirs and Song Club – County Music run a number of non-auditioning choirs:

Boys and girls aged 5 – 7 at Stratford Grammar School for Girls on Mondays 4.30 – 5pm

Boys aged 7 -14 at Stratford High School on Mondays 5 – 5.45pm.

Girls aged 7-14 at Stratford Grammar School for Girls on Thursdays 4.30 – 5.15pm

Please phone Shelia Russell on 079208822052 for more details.

Dates for your diary:

Teacher Training Days - Mon 1 Nov, Fri 27 May and Mon 6 June - there is one more day to be confirmed.

School Open Days – We are holding open mornings for parents of pre-school children on Monday 11 and Wednesday 13 October between 10 and 11.30am. Refreshments and a crèche will be available.

Book of The Week – Mrs Clark's class have been enjoying 'Let's Get a Pup!' by Bob Graham. When Kate and her parents visit an animal shelter they know they want Dave the moment they see him. He's small and cute and a perfect fit for the end of Kate's bed. But then they see Rosy, who is old and grey and broad as a table...

Mr A Simms

BSA Newsletter

Friday 8th October

- Thank you to everyone who attended the BSA meeting last night! There was a great turn out & all ideas/suggestions were very much appreciated. If anyone would like to offer help in any way for our **Christmas Fayre** to be held on **Friday, December 10th** between 6:00-9:00pm, then please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee members.
- **Autumn Creations:** This year we are asking all children to bring in a creative work relating to pumpkins! This can be a carved pumpkin, a painting, a collage, a poem or story—anything really. Please ensure that your child has done the work themselves! The creations need to be brought into the school hall on the morning of **Thursday, October 21st**. After school we will be giving prizes for the most creative & house points/mouse stamps will be given to all entrants. Please leave the creations behind as we will be using them to decorate the school hall for the evening Pumpkin Party & Monster Bash. Come along to view the work the children have done & have a hot drink & cake! All proceeds from the bake sale will go to the BSA. If anyone is able to help with baking cakes, could you please contact one of the committee members? Many thanks!!
- **Pumpkin Party & Monster Bash:** Is being held in the school hall on the evening of **Thursday, October 21st**. The Pumpkin Party is for Reception & KS1 from 6:00-7:15pm. The Monster Bash is for KS2 from 7:30-8:45pm. Please note that children are asked not to wear masks. We also ask that Reception children are accompanied by a parent/carer for the duration of the disco. Tickets will go on sale outside the school on October 14th & October 15th between 3:00-3:30pm.
- **Phoenix Cards:** The next order will be on **Friday, October 22nd**. The Reception class will be having brochures in their book bags this week, so please look out for them! Phoenix Cards is a great way to help raise money for the BSA! They are a great quality product at a very inexpensive price! And, let's face it, we all need cards—especially when we don't have any in the house! If you have any queries regarding Phoenix, please speak to Gill Squires. You can leave your order in the office with a cheque made payable to Bidford School Association. Please return the brochures to the school office after you have browsed through it! The new Christmas catalogue will be out next week!
- **Christmas Cards:** Last year the children made some beautiful Christmas cards & we are planning to have them do more this year! Watch this space for viewing/ordering details.
- **Next BSA meeting:** To be held at school on **Tuesday, November 9th at 7:30pm.** Remember, the more the merrier!!! We look forward to seeing you there!



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