

## **NEWSLETTER 11– 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Composting Workshop** – Malcolm Smith from Garden Organics led a workshop with parents and Year 6 gardeners on using a barrel composter and a hot box. We will now be using our fruit and vegetable waste to make compost for our own garden.

**Bidford Walk** – The Reception classes went for a walk around Bidford as part of their topic “Where We Live”. They looked at the different buildings that are in the village and learnt about how the buildings are used. The children made maps of Bidford and have written about the walk.

**Fire Safety Visit** – Year 1 and 5 children had a visit this week from Mr Franklin and Mr Robinson from Warwickshire Fire Service. They gave a very informative talk about fire safety in the home and how to keep ourselves safe.

**Snow** – In the event of bad weather please visit [www.warwickshire.go.uk/schoolclosuremonitoring](http://www.warwickshire.go.uk/schoolclosuremonitoring) or listen to local radio stations. Please note – the ParentMail texting service is not yet operational.

**Family Learning Christmas Craft Workshop**– There are still places available on this workshop on Weds 8th December 9-10.30am in school. Ask at the office for more details.

### **Clubs –**

Cooking Club

Film Club

Boys Football

Girls Football

Performance club

AGS Science Club

Forest School

### **Finishes**

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

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Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dec 6<sup>th</sup>

Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

Dec 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Restarts**

New group 2<sup>nd</sup> March

5<sup>th</sup> Jan

13<sup>th</sup> Jan

after Feb half term.

12<sup>th</sup> Jan

2nd Feb

10<sup>th</sup> Jan

There are a few spaces left for Forest School starting on Monday. Please collect a letter from the office.

### **Dates for Your Diary –**

- Year 1 and 2 Nativity will take place on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** Dec at 2pm.
- Reception and Nursery Christmas Nativity will be on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** December at 9.30am.

**Community Forum** – The next Community Forum meeting is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Great Alne Memorial Hall. Please contact Amanda Wilson on 01789 260135 for more information.

**Book of The Week** –Mrs Hudson’s class have been reading ‘Beyond the Deepwoods’ by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell. Twig blunders off through the Deepwoods to find teeming horrors, unexpected friends, comic menaces, and the nature of his feared nemesis the Gloamglozer!

**Mr A Simms**

## **BSA Newsletter**

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

- **Christmas CD:** The BSA is burning your copies of the CD as fast as we can & you will find them in your children's book bags very soon! Make sure you have your tissues at the ready! Once again a very BIG thanks to Greg Jinks and Mark Foster, for the idea, for composing songs for us, and for all their time and effort in recording, re-recording and mixing! Thank you, as well, to Mr. Simms for all his effort in teaching the songs to the children!
- **Raffle Tickets:** You will find the raffle tickets for the Christmas fayre in the book bags this week! There are some great prizes on offer including six bottles of wine (3 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Combe aux Moines, 2003, Red Burgundy & 3 Pernand 1er Cru Sous Fretille, 2003, White Burgundy)—perfect to make Christmas that bit more special! There is also a lovely hamper of local meats & a beautiful flower bouquet worth £50, to name just a few of the fantastic prizes on offer! Any unused tickets should be returned to the school office, please.
- **Christmas Fayre: To be held on Friday, December 10!** We are looking for teams of parents to run stalls between them which will enable all parents helping to enjoy the fayre with their families! Anybody willing to volunteer should contact Gill or Amanda on the numbers/e-mails at the bottom of the newsletter. Many thanks in advance!
- **Tombola Day/Non Uniform Day: Friday, December 3.** Please bring your donations to the school hall in the morning (wine, chocolate, books, unused cosmetics, toys for children, etc.). Remember it is a non uniform day for the children, but the teachers will be wearing school uniform!!!
- **Budgens Bag Pack: Saturday, December 4, 10am-1pm.** We will be selling raffle tickets, the choir will be singing & obviously, we will be packing bags for the shoppers! If anyone would like to help (1/2 hour time slots), please contact a member of the committee.
- **Christmas Light Switch On: Sunday, November 28, 5pm.** Toyah Wilcox will be switching on the Christmas lights this year & the BSA will be there fundraising at this wonderful, annual event! Come down to the High Street to see the lights & watch the fireworks!!!

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