

## **NEWSLETTER 26 – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**'Getting to Know Will'** – Year 4 children visited Shakespeare's Birthplace for their "Getting to know Will" workshop. They found out about Shakespeare's life, made lavender bags to 'protect from the plague' and worked out the costs of seeing his plays using a quill to write the answers!

**Easter Collective Worship** – Rev Ruth led our special Easter Service for our pupils and their parents in the school hall on Wednesday and the children have been given Palm crosses. The palm signifies the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the cross is a sign that he gave his life for us.

**Teddy Bear Antiques Roadshow**- Pupils in Year 1 and 2 held their very own Antiques Roadshow for their families this week, giving an evaluation of old teddy bears. The pupils were able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of changes to toys and use a range of questioning skills. Thank you to those who were able to attend.

### **Message from our E-Safety Pupil Ambassadors Elen & Zoë –**

- Be aware of E-Safety when your child is using the internet or computer games over the holiday.
- Your child can be protected from inappropriate materials by using parental filters and pre checking their searches.
- It is recommended that younger children do not use the internet unsupervised.
- All games have a PEGI rating so you can make sure that they are age appropriate.

**Term Time Holidays** – We would like to remind parents that we are not able to grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance by the resident parent and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional. Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

**Please Note - all unauthorised Leave of Absence applications will be referred to the Attendance Compliance and Enforcement Service.**

**School Dinners** – With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 the price of school dinners will increase to £2.10 per day.

**Year 6 SATs** – Pupils in Year 6 have been given a revision pack to use over the Easter break to help them prepare for their upcoming SATs – please see separate letter.

**Clubs Update** - All children who returned forms for Ultimate Frisbee and Tri Golf have a place in the clubs.

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### **Messages from St Laurence Church:**

- Palm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am – Our Anglican churches are walking from Arden's Grafton (Cox's Walk) to St Andrew's Church in Temple Grafton with 'Spikey' the pony from Bidford to retell the story of Jesus arriving in Jerusalem on a donkey. Parking is available in a field in Arden's Grafton. Remember it is the Sunday the clocks move forward!!
- Easter Holiday Party Church is on Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March at 10am – Join Revd Ruth and her team in Bidford for Hot Cross buns and biscuits and have fun with Easter crafts and songs as we think about what happened to Jesus on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It would be good to see you there.

### **Dates for your Diary –**

- Rural Cinema – The film showing at The Crawford Hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March is "Paddington" and on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April "Into The Woods".
- Year 2 SATs meeting for parents will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 6-7pm.
- There will be a sale of second hand uniform in the hall at 3.15pm on Fri 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April. Please send in any clean usable uniform to the office.
- Performance Club performance to parents is on **THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> April** at 7pm (see separate letter).
- Year 6 SATs will take place during week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- Teacher Training Day - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – School closed to children.

**Book of the Week** – Miss Stefanovic's class have been reading 'My Brother's Famous Bottom goes Camping' by Jeremy Strong. Nicholas's dad is planning to take the whole family camping; Cheese is smuggling his pet hen into the camping van, while Granny and Lancelot are planning on bringing the goat. How much chaos can one family cause!

I hope you enjoy the Easter holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

**Mr A Simms**

***The latest from the BSA...***

## **Have a lovely Easter Holiday!**

Thank you all for being so generous this morning with your donations for our BSA dress-down day – we'll do another next term!

The summer term will be busy...

- » School disco – early May
- » Film night – early June
- » Summer Fayre – 10<sup>th</sup> July

Summer fayre planning will start after Easter and we hope to get lots of you involved.

We will also announce how we intend to spend our BSA funds this year.

***Happy Easter everyone!***

Keep checking our Facebook page for the latest information.  
Search for “Bidford School BSA” or sign-up to volunteer on “BSA Volunteers”

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