

NEWSLETTER 2– 15th September 2017

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Bell Boating – Children in Year 5 and 6 spent a day Bell Boating on the River Avon this week. They paddled along the river navigating their way through the locks and remained cheery in the rain. The children enjoyed a picnic lunch on the Meadow and took part in races during the afternoon. The activity is a great lesson in teamwork, problem solving and developing confidence. Thank you to our volunteers - everyone thoroughly enjoyed it!

Reading Books – KS1 and KS2 reading books will be sent home next week. Year 1 books will be changed on Tuesdays and Year 2 on Wednesdays. Books for Reception children will be sent out in a few weeks. Children should be heard to read daily – please sign the reading record to indicate that the book has been read and comment as necessary.

New Classrooms – If you would like to meet your child's class teacher, see their classroom, their current work and have your child show you around, school will be open from 3.20 to 5.30pm on Tuesday 26th Sept. Please wait for your children to collect you from the playground. Formal Parents Evenings will be held on Tues 28th and Thus 30th Nov during which you will be able to discuss your child's academic progress.

Parking – Please consider our neighbours when parking your car near school; do not park across or opposite driveways. It is preferable to use the car park in Ward's Lane near the fire station when bringing/collecting your child from school and walk through the pedestrian gate. Inappropriate parking and walking in the driveways risks the safety of the children.

On Line Payments – SIMS Agora is a convenient and secure way of paying for school items online, with the peace of mind that your payments are made safely and securely using a debit/credit card - no more cheques, cash going missing or forms to get lost. All you need is a PC and access to the internet. If you have not yet registered to make online payments, please call into the office for a code.

Reminders

- **Coats** – Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat as the weather is turning colder.
- **Notes/Payments** – Children should hand in notes (appointments, going home arrangements etc) directly to their class teacher in the mornings.
- **School Website** – Please take a look at our website www.bidfordonavon.warwickshire.sch.uk/ for lots of information about our school including diary dates and newsletters.

Dates for your Diary –

- The 'Bidford Bash' is being held on Sat 16th Sept, 2pm-6pm on the Big Meadow.
- Harvest Festival will be held in school on Tues 3rd Oct - 9.15am Rec & KS1, 10am KS2
- Individual pupil photographs will be taken on Tues 10th Oct.

Book of the Week – Children in Year 3 and 4 are reading 'There's a Pharaoh in our Bath' by Jeremy Strong. Tony is always bringing home sick and injured animals, so when he turns up with an unconscious man dressed from head to toe in rather stinky bandages, his family aren't too surprised.....

Mr A Simms

The latest from Bidford School Association...

**Our (friendly) AGM is on
Monday, 25th September 6.30-7.30pm**

We are looking for a few new members of our team – someone to help with all the purchasing that needs to be done to support our events, and someone to help organise our brilliant volunteers! There might be someone who is really good at helping find raffle prizes, or perhaps you have another skill you think we need!

We love what we do as part of the BSA and we think a couple of extra people on the team to help distribute some of the tasks would be a great idea.

If you would like to hear more, please in touch as below, or come to the meeting! We would love to hear from anyone who is interested.

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