

NEWSLETTER 15 – 22nd December 2017

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Egyptian Day – Children in Year 3 and 4 braved the cold last week and came to school dressed as Ancient Egyptians. They took part in a variety of activities including making amulets, Egyptian collar necklaces and tasting typical food of the period.

Christmas Activities

- On Wednesday we all walked to St Laurence Church, for our *Christmas Carol service*. The House Captains narrated the Christmas story, and we all sang a selection of carols. Year 2 children took part in the Nativity tableaux. Thank you to our helpers who escorted the children and to Mrs Meehan for leading the service.
- Mrs Fisher and her team cooked and served nearly 300 *Christmas lunches* to pupils and staff on Wednesday. They were ably assisted by the House Captains who served the younger children.
- On Thursday we held our *Christingle service*. Each part of the Christingle holds special symbolism to help children understand the importance of Jesus and the Gospel, and its relevance at Christmas time. The orange represents the world, the red tape symbolises the love and blood of Christ and the lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.
- Children in Years 5 and 6 have been designing and making their own motorised Santa Sleighs this week for their seasonal *D&T topic*. They will be coming in very handy to ensure Santa delivers all of his presents on time!

Sports Enrichment Days – All year groups have taken part in sports enrichment days over the last 3 weeks. They have enjoyed taking part in a variety of sports including archery, judo, tennis and circus skills.

School Admissions for Sept 2018 - To secure a school place for children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 you need to apply online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions by 15th January 2018.

Clubs Update:

Young Voices, Cooking Club for Group 3, App Building Club and Athletics (invited pupils) will be starting w/c 8th Jan French Club (Fee Payable), Girls Football, Boys Football will be starting w/c 15th Jan. Year 3/4 Tchouckball and Year 4/5/6 Tag Rugby will be starting on Thurs 18th Jan – letters will be available in January.

Seasonal Dates for your Diary:

- *St Laurence Church Services:*
Fri 22nd Dec 7pm - Traditional Carol Service Sun 24th Dec 4pm - Crib Service
Sun 24th Dec 11.30pm – Midnight Communion Mon 25th Dec – Family Communion
- The *Bidford Pantomime* this year is 'Robin Hood and his Merry Men'. It will be held in the Crawford Hall on Fri 5th and Sat 6th Jan 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and are available by calling 01789 773742.

Book of the Week – We always enjoy 'The Night before Christmas' by Clement Moore. This traditional poem from 1822 is a lovely story that captures the wonder and excitement of waiting for St Nicholas.

On behalf of all our staff and governors I would like to say a big thank you to all our volunteer helpers for all their support this year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you on **MON 8th January 2018.**

Mr A Simms

The latest from Bidford School Association...

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas Fair raised over £1900 for our school BSA funds!

Thank you to everyone that was part of raising that total. It is a fantastic amount, especially when you consider the difficult weather on the day. Your support and generosity are very much appreciated and we will be able to fund much-needed school equipment.

Planning the event was a different experience this year, thanks to all our new committee members who took on a huge amount of the planning and preparation. Thank you all! You should feel very proud.

Merry Christmas and we look forward to more fun events in 2018!

A very Merry Christmas from your BSA Committee xxx

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