

NEWSLETTER 23 – 9th March 2018

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Staffing News - After 10 years teaching at our school, Mrs Bent will be leaving us at Easter to work at Welcome Hills School. Plans are in hand to ensure an experienced teacher familiar with the school will replace her for the rest of the year. We would like to thank Mrs Bent for her dedication and wish her well in her new adventure.

Bikeability - Several of our Year 6 pupils completed their Bikeability course this week. It is designed to give children confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. Children were taught to ride a bike to National Standards and were introduced to cycling as an everyday, fun, healthy activity and an alternative mode of transport.

Birdland – On Thursday our Reception children visited Birdland in Bourton-on-the Water. Children were able to see penguins, flamingos and a variety of other birds. They met the bird keepers, found out why flamingos are pink and were surprised to find out that birds have ears that you cannot see. Thank you to our volunteers for accompanying us.

Girls Football – On Monday our Girls Football team played Temple Grafton in a very close match but the final score was 2-1 against us. Thank you to all who supported them.

Governors – Our Governing Body are often asked about their role. School Governing Bodies exist to help schools deliver the best possible standard of education to all pupils. They have a vital role in supporting school leaders and managing school performance while providing accountability to the local community.

Our Governing Body has the following three main roles: to provide a strategic view, to act as a critical partner to the school and to ensure accountability. Effective governance plays a crucial role in the success of our school and we have 10 Governors who meet about 12 times a year altogether and at subcommittee level.

We may be looking for new parent governors in September so please let us know if you would be interested in this important role.

Clerk to Governors – We have a position available for a Clerk to Governors. This paid role includes the preparation of agendas and minutes for the evening meetings of the Governing Body. Applicants should be computer literate and have excellent communication skills. Full training will be given. Please contact the office for further information.

Clubs Update – There is **no** Girls Football Club on Tues 13th March.

Dates for Your Diary:

- Year 2 SATs Meeting will be held on Tues 13th March 6.00pm
- Year 5 & 6 Sports Enrichment Day will be on Weds 14th March
- Year 6 SATs Meeting will be held on Thurs 15th March 6.00pm.

Books of the Week – Mr Thackway's class have been reading 'My Friend Walter' by Michael Morpurgo. Bess meets the ghost of Sir Walter Raleigh and finds out she is his ancestor. How will she explain it to her family especially when he breaks her brother's fishing rod, steals a horse and smokes cigars in her room!

Mr A Simms

The latest from Bidford School Association...

Disco Tonight!

*****All new! We have run a separate disco for Reception children, so that the younger years have more space and it's a little calmer. Any questions, please shout!*****

- 1. Reception Disco: during school hours today – hope you enjoyed it!**
- 2. Year 1 & Year 2 Disco: 5pm – 6.15pm**
- 3. KS2 Disco: 6.30pm – 7.45pm**

Tickets still £2.50, on sale after school on Tuesday or on the door.

IMPORTANT NOTES... Only school-age children allowed into the discos; KS2 children not allowed in KS1 disco and vice-versa; parents not allowed into toilets with pupils; parents not expected to attend but help from those who do is gratefully appreciated!

Also...

- Bags 2 School collection, Thursday 15th and Friday 16th March**

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