

## **NEWSLETTER 26– 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Staffing News** – This week Mrs Whiting and Mrs Bent have said their final farewells to Bidford School. We have also said goodbye Mrs Shepherd who has looked after our Governing Body as Clerk for the last 7 years. We wish them all well as they now embark on their exciting new adventures.

**Year 5 Trip to PGL** – Last weekend Year 5 children spent the weekend at the PGL Activity Centre in Ross on Wye. Pupils took part in a range of activities including raft building, zip wire, trapeze and everyone's favourite Mud Challenge! The weekend was a great opportunity for children to learn team skills and develop their confidence and self-esteem. A big thank you to Mrs Moore, Miss Drissell, Miss Eyles and Mrs Simms for joining in with the fun.

**Planetarium Day** – On Monday our children enjoyed a trip around the universe in a mobile planetarium. With two astronomers from Warwick University as their guide, children were able to explore different galaxies, look closely at the sun, planets and stars and learned how it was all created from the Big Bang.

**Easter Collective Worship** – Rev Peter led our special Easter Service for our pupils in the school hall on Tuesday. The children have all 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.

**Indoor Rowing** – Miss Drissell took our Indoor Rowing team to the 'School Games' competition in Solihull on Wednesday. We are waiting to hear the results but we are extremely pleased to have been awarded the trophy for the team displaying the best values: teamwork, encouragement and determination.

### **Clubs Update:**

- French (fee payable) and Country Dancing continues on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April.
- App Building Club, Tag Rugby & Tchoukball have now finished
- VX Club (a mixture of lacrosse and dodge ball) for Years 3 & 4, Ultimate Frisbee for Years 5 & 6 and Netball for Years 5 & 6 will be starting Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> April.
- Rounders for Years 5 & 6 & Cricket for Years 3 & 4 will start on Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Permission slips are required for all clubs, please collect letters from the office.

### **Dates for Your Diary:**

- Year 3 are starting swimming on Weds 18<sup>th</sup> April. Payments can be made on line via SIMS Agora or send in contributions towards the cost to the school office - £17.50 half term, £35.00 per term.
- Our School Council are holding a Toy Sale on Fri 27<sup>th</sup> April to raise money for an outdoor table tennis table. Please bring donations of toys and games to school on Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> and Fri 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**Books of the Week** – Children in Mrs Bent's class have reading the Easter Story and retelling it in their own ways.

I look forward to seeing you all after the Easter break on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

**Mr A Simms**

*The latest from Bidford School Association...*

# Save the date!

## Family Bingo

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 6pm

**Tickets £4 per person**

**On sale after Easter**

**To include 6 games and a hot dog or “not dog”  
Tuck shop on the night and all-sweet prizes!**

**\*\*\*Can you help? If you find yourself with extra  
chocolate over Easter and want to find a new  
home for it... please bring it into the School Office.  
We will use it in our chocolate hamper prizes!\*\*\***

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