

## **NEWSLETTER 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Phonics** – On Wednesday Miss Hickman held a meeting with the parents of Year 1 children to explain how we support children with their learning of Phonics. If you were unable to attend please call in to the office to collect copies of the guidance that was given out.

**Harvest Festival** - is on Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Oct (parents welcome) Rec & KS1 9.15-9.45am, KS2 10.00-10.30am. We would be grateful for donations of produce which can be sent into school with the children on the morning. Our Year 5 children will be selling the produce after school to raise money for Water Aid.

**Individual pupil photographs** will be taken on Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. *Year 6 children are to wear school uniform and bring their PE kits with them to change into later.*

A few parents have still not returned consent forms and data collection sheets. Please send them in urgently as photos **will not** be taken of children where consent has not been given.

**Sports Equipment Collection** – We are supporting King Edward VI School with their collection of sports equipment to donate to children in Sri Lanka. We will be collecting donations before school each morning during week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. Please bring in boots, bats, gloves, hockey sticks, cricket helmets and sports kit.

**Flu Vaccinations** – Consent forms have been sent out for Flu Vaccinations for all children in Rec to Year 5. Vaccinations will take place in school on Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, please complete and return the form asap.

**Clubs Update** – There will be no Year 3/4 Dodgeball on Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Dates for your Diary** –

- *School Open Mornings* for prospective parents will be on Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 10 to 11.30am and 1.30 to 3pm.
- *Parents Evenings* will be held Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 6-8.30pm, Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 4-6.30pm
- *Teacher Training Day* (school closed to children) on Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct
- *Year 1 & 2 Nativity* will be on Tues 11<sup>th</sup> and Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm
- *Reception's* Christmas Show will be on Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9.45am

**Book of the Week** – Children in Mrs Walsh's class have been reading 'Horrid Henry goes to Work' by Tony Ross. It's Take Your Child to Work Day and Henry is looking forward to a fun day of computer games, but Dad has other ideas.....

**Mr A Simms**

## ***The latest from Bidford School Association...***

***\*\*\*Save the Date – Autumn Disco Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October\*\*\****

*A message from Emily, outgoing BSA Chair*

Thank you and goodnight!

Much like the end of a presidential term, after four years I am wiser, stronger, fulfilled, experienced and looking about 20 years older...

When I joined the BSA I wanted to spend more time getting to know my children's school, seeing them there and helping to make it a happy and fun place to be. I also, selfishly, was quite miserable in my job and wanted to feel like what I was doing in my life was making a difference. Well, job done, for me!

I have made really extraordinary friends. I've got to know hundreds of funny and brilliant kids. I've cried on people's shoulders a bit. I've learnt a lot about my own inner resourcefulness. And I've reached the point where I'm ready to focus on my own new direction as I'm now self-employed.

As I write this (Thursday before the AGM) we have a vacancy for Chair. I hope someone will see what a brilliant opportunity it is to make a difference in lots of ways and will take it on. I would ask everyone to please support the BSA team in every request they make as your involvement makes all the difference. From next week this newsletter, the Facebook posts and all other written stuff will come from our new BSA Comms Lead, Katie Ballard.

Good luck everyone and yep, I'll still be there helping!

Thank you xxx

***The BSA Core Committee:  
Glenda, Milly and Sue***

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