NEWSLETTER 13 – 7th December 2018

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

<u>Carol Service</u> – Our choir sang beautifully in St Laurence Church on Wednesday evening, thank you to Rev Peter, Mrs Meehan and to all of the parents, children, staff and governors who joined us for this special service. Thank you to the BSA for providing refreshments after the service.

<u>Stone Age Day</u> – Children in Years 3 and 4 traveled back in time on Thursday arriving at school in Stone Age costume. They took part in a variety of activities including recreating Stonehenge in biscuits, making their own beakers out of clay, made porridge and a delicious stew.

<u>Is your child entitled to be registered as a young carer?</u> - A young carer is someone who is helping to look after a parent or sibling who is ill or disabled. Being a young carer can have a big impact on a child and the "Young Carers Trust" can help support you as a family and provides opportunities for you to access some great events with other families in similar situations. If your child is aged 8 or older, please contact the school and ask for a meeting with Miss Hickman to see if you could access this support. For more information visit http://www.warwickshireyoungcarers.org.uk/.

<u>RISE Coffee Morning</u> - If you are a parent or carer of a Warwickshire child and would like to learn about common emotional wellbeing concerns in childhood, and find out what you can do to help, the specialist mental health professions are facilitating free information coffee mornings. To find out more please see the flyer on the notice board at the school office or go to www.cwrise.com.

<u>School Meals</u> – 'Seaside Salmon', on the menu for Friday of Week 2, has now been replaced by 'Breaded White Fish'.

<u>Celebration Collective Worship</u> – The *last* Celebration Collective Worship this term will be on Friday 14th Dec.

<u>Clubs Update</u> – French, Artbase and Sewing clubs will all have their last session next week (w/e 14th Dec). All other clubs continue into the last week of term.

Reminders & Requests:

- Please return your *Breakfast Club questionnaire* by Mon 10th Dec.
- Ensure your child brings in a warm <u>coat</u> to wear at playtime. All coats, hats, gloves and scarves should be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Swimming for Year 3 children has now finished for this term. It will start again on 9th January, please continue to send your child into school in their PE kit.
- If you have any old adult shirts that could be used by pupils whilst doing art we would be grateful.

Dates for your Diary -

- Year 1 & 2 Nativity will be on Tues 11th and Wed 12th Dec at 2pm.
- Reception Christmas Songs will be on Fri 14th Dec at 9.45am.
- Christmas Lunch will be on Weds 19th Dec, please book a meal at the office if you haven't yet booked.

<u>Book of the Week</u> – Having enjoyed the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes, pupils in Miss Eyles' class then compared the writing to 'The Highway Rat' by Julia Donaldson. Will the villainous Highway Rat meet his comeuppance, in the form of a cunning duck?

Mr A Simms

The latest from Bidford School Association...

Our Christmas Fair was a great success!!

Thank you to all our volunteers for your time and hard work we couldn't do it without you.

We hope you enjoyed kick starting the festive season by supporting your school and enjoying the stalls and games

It raised over £2500 which is fantastic!!

All funds will be used for school – we will keep you updated on what in the new year!

Many Thanks, Your BSA

Follow us on Facebook - Bidford School BSA

The core BSA Committee: Glenda, Milly and Sue

Glenda Vassie - Vice-Chair Milly Deguara — Secretary Sue Woodward — Treasurer Katie Ballard - Communications