### NEWSLETTER 27 – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

<u>Year 5 Residential</u> – Most of the Year 5 children spent 2 nights last week in the Brecon Beacons at the PGL Activity Centre with Miss Drissell, Miss Eyles, Mrs Moore and myself. By taking part in a range of adventurous activities including rock climbing, zip wire and a muddy challenge course, children were able to develop their teamwork, problem solving and communication skills, overcame challenges and increased their confidence.

Antarctica Day – An exciting expedition lead by Capt Hudson, Dr Poulton, Lt Moore and Capt Walsh took our Year 1 and 2 pupils across glaciers, a crevasse and mountains this week after travelling to the Antarctic aboard the Terra Nova. Once they arrived at base camp the children took part in a variety of activities including writing postcards, making hot chocolate, problem solving, making penguins with different shapes and writing about their travels in their diaries.

<u>Teddy Bears Picnic</u> - The Reception children enjoyed their Teddy Bears Picnic this week. Pupils made sandwiches and cakes to eat and acted out the story of "We're going on a Bear Hunt" around the school grounds with the soft toys they had brought in from home – we even found a big bear hiding in a cave in Forest School!

<u>Football News</u> – Our Boys team played Claverdon on Wednesday resulting in a 2-0 loss but we are still top of the league. Well done to all of our players and thank you to our parents for support.

<u>Clubs Update</u> – There will be <u>NO</u> Girls football on Tues 9<sup>th</sup> April.

<u>Safety</u> – We remain concerned about the parking in and around the school gates. <u>Do not</u> block the drop-off area, the school entrance road and the pedestrian crossing. There is ample space in the Wards Lane car park for parents to park and then walk children safely into school. Please respect our neighbours if you park on the street; we have received a complaint from a local resident this week whom we have advised to contact the Police.

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#### **Dates for your Diary:**

- The Barn Messy Easter will be on 7<sup>th</sup> April 4-6pm, crafts, activities, food and games all free.
- Bhangra dancing for Year 3 & 4 will be on Tues 9th April. Please come into school in PE kit.
- Class photos for Rec to Year 5 will be taken on Weds 10<sup>th</sup> April. Year 5/6 & 6 will be on Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April.
- SDC are delivering a '<u>Free Sport Friday'</u> session at the Big Meadow on Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Apr 11am 1pm. The activities will be led by their trained leaders with a range of sports and games. Sessions are free but under 8s must be accompanied by an adult. No booking is required.
- Reception Eye Tests are on Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April.
- <u>Sports Day</u> will be on Mon 24th June (KS2 in the morning and Rec & KS1 in the afternoon). The reserve date for bad weather is Mon 1st July. Children will need a T shirt in their house colours.

<u>Book of the Week</u> — Children in Mrs Ellwood's class have been reading 'Freddy's Teddies' by Peter Melnyczuk. One morning Freddy notices that his bears are not in their usual places and that their paws are sticky. Where have they been while he's ben sleeping?

#### **Mr A Simms**

The latest from Bidford School Association...

We look forward to seeing you at

# Family Bingo!

Tonight!!

This event is sold out! Those of you who have booked tickets they will be waiting for you on the door from **6pm**.

Lots of chocolatey prizes to be won!!

Don't forget your dabbers!

Good luck!!!

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