NEWSLETTER 15 – 20th December 2019

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

<u>School Performance</u> – We are delighted to share the news that our school achieved 17th place out of the 252 primary schools in Warwickshire in the School Performance League tables that were published last week. Well done to our children for working so hard and thank you to all our staff, governors and parents for your support.

<u>Christmas Tree Festival</u> - We are also pleased to have been voted the overall winner of the Christmas Tree Festival at St Laurence Church. Thank you to all the children and staff for making the Robins and Reindeers that decorated it and to everyone who voted for us.

<u>Reception Songs</u> - Children from the Reception classes entertained their families with a selection of seasonal songs and a number of 'ad libs'! Thank you to the BSA for providing refreshments.

Christmas Activities

- On Monday we held our <u>Christingle Service</u>. Each part of the Christingle holds special symbolism to help children understand the importance of Jesus and the Gospel, and its relevance at Christmas time. The orange represents the world, the red tape symbolises the love and blood of Christ and the lit candle represents Jesus as the light of the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.
- On Wednesday we all walked to St Laurence Church, for our <u>Christmas Service</u>. The House Captains narrated the Christmas story, and we all sang a selection of carols. Year 2 children took part in the Nativity tableaux. Thank you to our helpers who escorted the children and to Rev Walker for leading the service.
- Mrs Fisher and her team cooked and served nearly 300 <u>Christmas lunches</u> to pupils and staff on Wednesday. They were ably assisted by the House Captains who served the younger children.
- Children in Years 5 and 6 have been making <u>Santa Sleighs</u> this week as part of their D & T Moving Toys project. They really enjoyed designing them and then seeing them in action.

<u>Reception admissions for Sept 2020</u> - To secure a school place for children born between 1st Sept 2015 and 31st Aug 2016 you must apply online at <u>www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions</u> by <u>Wednesday 15th Jan</u>.

<u>Clubs Update</u> –Spanish, Girls Indoor Athletics, Cooking Club (Group 3) and Girls Football club will restart w/c 6th Jan. French, ArtBase and Boys Football w/c 13th Jan. There are still spaces in both French and Spanish Club, please email Nédia on <u>pillon@lcfclubs.com</u>. Multiskills for Year 3 & 4 starts Thurs 9th Jan please collect a letter from the office.

St Laurence Church Christmas Services

Sat 21st Dec 2.30pm – Village Carol Singing (start at school)

Sun 22nd Dec 10am – Carol Service

Tues 24th Dec 4pm – Children's Crib Service & 11pm – Holy Communion Service

Mon 25th Dec 10am – Family Communion

<u>Book of the Week</u>— We always enjoy 'The Night before Christmas' by Clement Moore. This traditional poem from 1822 is a lovely story that captures the wonder and excitement of waiting for St Nicholas.

On behalf of all our staff and governors I would like to say a big thank you to all our volunteer helpers for all their support this year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you before the gates close at 8.55am on TUESDAY 7th January 2020.

Mr A Simms

The latest from Bidford School Association...

Thank you everybody for all the support and donations this year!!



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy 2020!!!

From your BSA team x

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