

NEWSLETTER 1 – 10th September 2010

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Welcome to the new school year – everyone arrived looking smart in their uniforms. Reception children have made a really good start, thanks to parents for preparing them for this big step. From Monday, all children need to go onto the main playground. Year 6 House Captain and Year 2 – 6 School Council elections will take place on Monday & Tuesday next week.

Staffing News – Congratulations to Miss Preston who got married over the summer break and is now Mrs Furlow. Mrs Nemeshanyi and Mrs Steward will be covering Planning Preparation and Assessment Time (PPA) for KS1 and KS2. Mrs Keay has commenced her formal teaching training and is working with Mrs Mills and her class. Miss Morrisson is supporting Years 3 and 4 as a teaching assistant.

School Grown Produce – The lettuce sale at the end of last term raised £22.50! The money will be used to buy seeds for the spring. We also used the lettuce in our school dinners. At the moment we have a good crop of French beans, yellow courgettes, carrots & leeks. We will be erecting a polytunnel this half term, if anybody can help with this please contact the school office.

Water Bottles – It is important that children drink plenty of water during the day and all children are allowed to bring in a named, clear water bottle each day into the classroom. Due to hygiene reasons we are unable to provide children with plastic cups.

Rucksacks – We are phasing out the use of rucksacks this year. We are currently looking at sourcing a larger book bag for KS2 pupils. We will inform you when they are available.

Reading Books – Reading books for Reception and KS1 will be changed as follows:

Reception – Monday (after half term)
Y1 – Tuesday Y2 – Wednesday

New Classrooms – Come in on Wednesday 15th Sept after school and let your child show you around their new class. Please wait for your children to collect you from the playground.

Get Into It Scheme - Warwickshire County Council have introduced a scheme that can subsidise the cost of out of school activities for children that are registered for free school meals. The scheme could support the cost of your children taking part in up to 2 hours of activity per week, before and after school and during the school holidays. For more information please call in at the office.

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Clubs – During the year we provide a variety of after school activities. Some of these are privately by external providers who take responsibility for the children and charge a fee. The following clubs will start during week commencing **13th September**:

Mondays - Arsenal Football - All ages (private club - fee payable)

Thursdays – Cheerleading - Y3

Friday – Mini Tennis – Year 3 & 4 (private club - fee payable)

Please come to the office for more information.

Bidford Fire Station Open Day – Saturday 11th September 11-3pm. Lots to see and do, all welcome!

Book of the Week – The Reception children have been enjoying 'Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School' by Ian Whybrow. It's the first day at school for Harry and his dinosaurs and they're excited to be going except Stegosaurus who's very nervous. Before long everyone is enjoying their first day as well as making brand new friends.

Mr A Simms