

## **NEWSLETTER 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**'Disaster Day'** – Year 3 and 4 children arrived at school on Tuesday and discovered that a local volcano was about to erupt! They had a talk about natural disasters from a geologist, had a mucky morning sculpting their own volcanoes from clay and created their own volcanic eruptions. In the afternoon, the children took part in a disaster relief centre role play, where they became crisis managers, volcanologists, science lab technicians, newspaper reporters, film crew, doctors and victims of the eruption.

**Black History Month Exhibition** - Year 5 went to the Civic Hall Tuesday to view the Black History Month Exhibition. They enjoyed learning about the lives and work of key figures in black history including Nelson Mandela and Mary Seacole. There also saw a performance of African dance.

**School Governors** – Congratulations to Mr Squires who has been re-elected unopposed as a parent governor.

**Harvest Festival** - Come to our Harvest Festivals on Monday 4 October led by Reverend Ruth Walker. Reception and KS1 at 9.15am and KS2 at 10.00am. We would be grateful for donations of produce which will be offered by the children during the services. Our Year 5 children will be selling the produce after school to raise money for Water Aid.

**Young Leaders** - Young Leaders Club is cancelled Monday 4 October.

**KS2 Fruit Snacks** –Do not send your child in with fruit biscuits or tinned fruit - only fresh or dried fruit or vegetables please.

**Safety at the School Gate** – There was a near accident with one of our children last week by the drop off zone and the driver was severely shaken by the experience. Do not park opposite the drop off zone and keep children safe with you at all times

**Tempest Photos** – All children will have their photographs taken by a professional photographer on *Thursday 7 October*. Family group photographs will also be taken. Remember to bring a comb!

### **Dates for your diary:**

*Teacher Training Days* - Mon 1 Nov, Fri 27 May and Mon 6 June - there is one more day to be confirmed.

*School Open Days* – We are holding open mornings for parents of pre-school children on Monday 11 and Wednesday 13 October between 10 and 11.30am. Refreshments and a crèche will be available.

*Parents Evening* - Tuesday 19 Oct and Weds 20 Oct – see appointment slip.

**Book of The Week** – Mrs Greygoose's class have been reading 'Six Dinner Sid' by Inga Moore. Sid is a cat who 'belongs' to six different owners and is addicted to having six meals a day ..... until the day he is found out!

**Mr A Simms**

# **BSA Newsletter**

## **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

As this is the first letter from the newly elected BSA committee, we would like to take the opportunity to formally introduce ourselves!

**Gill Squires is our new Chair!** She has three daughters attending the school in Years 5, 4 & 1. Gill has been involved with the BSA for the past five years and was a Co-Chair of the BSA for the first half of last year.

**Amanda Griffiths is the new Vice-Chair.** Amanda has worked closely with the BSA for the past two years & has two children at the school in Years 5 & 2. Amanda is looking forward to getting more parents involved in our meetings and fund raising projects whilst keeping it fun & humorous for everyone!

**Hannah Richards is the new Secretary.** She has lived in Bidford for over 9 years but you may recognise her American accent at the school gates as she spent the majority of her life living & working in America & Mexico. She has two daughters attending the school in Years 4 & 3.

**Alison Field remains on as the Treasurer of the BSA.** This will be her second year in this role. She is a registered child-minder and has one daughter at the school in Year 1.

### **Bags2School Collection:**

Thanks so much for all the kind donations! You will be updated with the amount of money raised for the school in due course!

### **Date for your diary:**

Our next meeting will be held on **October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** in the school. It will be very informal & fun! We will be planning for the Christmas Fayre (it's scary to think how close we are to Christmas already) & would warmly welcome any ideas & suggestions. This year we are hoping to raise as much money as possible to purchase more play equipment for the playground! This equipment was installed last year & has proved to be a great source of entertainment for the children during break times. To extend upon this would be a wonderful achievement! Please remember to put the date in your diaries so you can join us for a glass of wine & a chat about our upcoming events & fund raising projects.

**Phoenix Card** orders are due on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>! Please see Gill Squires for further information.

If you have any questions/comments/suggestions then please feel free to contact any of us on the following phone numbers:

**Gill – 07773 333378**

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We look forward to hearing from you!!