

NEWSLETTER 6 – 15th October 2010

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Y6 Football – On Saturday, our Year 6 boys football team took part in the South Warwickshire 7 a –side Schools Football Tournament hosted by the NFU in Tiddington. The team took part in 3 matches in which they showed determination and skillful play.

Dogs Trust – Children in Year 1 and 2 welcomed two very special visitors today, from the Warwickshire Dogs Trust. Scott Spencer and Otis, a Staffordshire Bull-Terrier, came to talk to the children about looking after dogs and the work of the Dogs Trust. Through drama and role-play, they learnt the story of how Scott and Otis met. The visit was linked to the children's literacy work on stories with familiar settings and gave them a perfect opportunity to meet a rescued dog. Information on donating to the Dogs Trust can be found on <http://www.dogstrust.org.uk/>.

Earth Geology Investigations – Mrs Hudson's class have been investigating tectonic plate movements and demonstrating the actions through drama. Mr Thackway's class have been looking at how a hard boiled egg can represent the geology of the earth. Ask your children for a home demonstration!

Open Mornings – This week we welcomed a number of prospective parents to show them around our school and grounds and were pleased to hear many positive comments. Thank you to our volunteers for helping to make the mornings successful. To secure a school place for children born between 1st September 2006 and 31st August 2007 you need to apply online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions by 17 January 2011.

Arsenal Soccer – There are places available at the Arsenal Soccer Club on a Monday 3.20-4.30pm for Year 1 and above. Please call into the office for more information.

Girls Football – Girls Football club for Year 3 – 6 will be starting on Monday 8 November – please come to the office for a form.

Book Bags – We now have larger satchel type book bags available for KS2 children in the office for £6.50.

Rhyme Challenge – Booktrust are running a 'Rhyme Challenge' for preschool and reception aged children. The aim is to encourage a love of rhymes and early poetry in an informal way and promote the benefits of learning together. Please visit www.booktrust.org.uk for more details.

Book of The Week – Reception children have been reading 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Brown. Handa puts seven delicious fruits in a basket to take to her friend but on the way various creatures steal them. When she lifts off her basket it is Handa who gets the biggest surprise!

Mr A Simms

BSA Newsletter

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- **Autumn Creations:** This year we are asking all children to bring in a creative work relating to pumpkins! This can be a carved pumpkin, a painting, a collage, a poem or story—anything really. Please ensure that your child has done the work themselves! The creations need to be brought into the school hall on the morning of **Thursday, October 21st**. After school we will be giving prizes for the most creative & house points/mouse stamps will be given to all entrants. Please leave the creations behind as we will be using them to decorate the school hall for the evening Pumpkin Party & Monster Bash. Come along to view the work the children have done & have a hot drink & cake! All proceeds from the bake sale will go to the BSA. If anyone is able to help with baking cakes, could you please contact one of the committee members? Many thanks!!
- **Pumpkin Party & Monster Bash: Thursday, October 21st**. Reception & KS1 starts at 6:00pm & finishes at 7:15. KS2 starts at 7:30 & finishes at 8:45. Please note that children are requested not to wear masks and that all Reception children should be accompanied by a parent/adult. Tickets are on sale now but you have the option of paying on the night at the door, as well! Glow sticks will be available for sale on the night, so make sure you bring some change with you!!
- **Phoenix Cards:** The next order will be on **Friday, October 22nd**. Phoenix Cards is a great way to help raise money for the BSA! They are a wonderful quality product at a very inexpensive price! And, let's face it, we all need cards—especially when we don't have any in the house! If you have any queries regarding Phoenix, please speak to Gill Squires. You can leave your order in the office with a cheque made payable to Bidford School Association. Please return the brochures to the school office after you have browsed through it! The new Christmas catalogue is now available & can be collected in the school office.
- **Next BSA meeting:** To be held at school on **Tuesday, November 9th at 7:30pm**. Remember, the more the merrier!!! We look forward to seeing you there!

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