

## **NEWSLETTER 8 – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Falconry visit** - Children in Years 1 & 2 welcomed some very special visitors to the hall. Richard Wall from Heart of England Raptors brought Falstaff the Eagle Owl, Beatrice the British Barn Owl, Spook the Hawk and Feste the Falcon to teach us all about birds of prey as part of this term's topic on Variation. The presentation was fascinating and all the children gasped as Beatrice flew over their heads! If you would like to visit these beautiful birds of prey, Richard Wall and the animals are based at Hatton Country World.

**We-Learn Portal** - All of KS2 children have had their initial portal training to launch their membership of the Warwickshire E-Learning platform. They will be using the platform throughout KS2 and at secondary school. It will enable them to access a wide range of resources, upload their own files to share with other users and create a virtual person. Children are also able to access the learning platform at home – <https://portal.we-learn.org.uk> .

**Poppy Appeal** – House Captains will be selling Poppies in school next week (w/c 8<sup>th</sup> November). All donations will be passed on to The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal Fund. We will be holding a minute's silence on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Taking Care Meeting** - The 'Taking Care' meeting will be held on Monday 8 September at 7pm. Please send in your reply slip if you are able to attend.

**School Uniform Sale** - There will be a sale of second hand school uniform on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November after school in the hall.

**Winter Coats** – Please send your child to school with a warm coat even when sunny!

### **Clubs -**

- Girls Football will be starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November - ask at the office for a form.
- There will be **NO** Y5/6 Boys football club on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November due to a football match.
- There are places available on Arsenal Football on Monday's (Rec – Year 6) and Year 3 & 4 Tennis on Fridays. A fee is payable for both clubs. Ask at the office for more details.

**Book of The Week** – Mrs Furlow's class have just finished reading 'Harry the Poisonous Centipede' by Lynne Banks. Harry likes to eat things that wriggle and crackle, and things that are juicy and munchy! But there are some things that a even a poisonous centipede must never try to eat .....!

**Mr A Simms**



## **Bidford School Association Newsletter**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010



Welcome back!

Thank you again for all the hard work that went into the Pumpkin Creations last term! They were amazing! It was clear that a lot of time and effort was put into them. We took **£70** for the sale of the refreshments, so thanks to all of you that baked goodies! We also made a record profit of **£430** from the discos. We really hope your children enjoyed themselves, and thanks to all the parents that volunteered their time to help.

It's hard to believe that there are only 50 'sleeps' until Santa is on his annual journey once again! It's time to start focussing on the **Christmas Fayre!** If you are able to lend a hand in any way, whether it be by preparing things at home, or by helping on the night; please let one of the committee know. We would love to get to know more of you... come and join in with the fun!

We will soon be selling tickets to see Santa at the Fayre, so watch this space.

We hope you have had a chance to browse through the ***Yellow Moon Catalogues***. Anything you purchase will raise 20% of the value of your order for the BSA!

Please also give consideration to '**The Giving Machine**' when purchasing on the internet on the build up to Christmas. The School are registered with the scheme; just follow the links from The Giving Machine Site to your favourite stores; it doesn't cost you a penny...but enables the BSA to earn commission from your sales! For more information please see the BSA notice board outside Mrs White's classroom or log onto [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk)

**The Christmas card Project.** Please see the letter in your child's book bag re this exciting project which we are embarking upon for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year! These cards are truly beautiful and treasured by family and friends alike! Come and see your child's artwork which has been produced in school, and order your cards on the following dates:

**Reception/Key Stage 1** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 8.30-9am and 3-3.30pm

**Key Stage 2** – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 8.30-9am and 3-3.30pm

If you are unable to make these dates please speak to a member of the committee.

### **Dates for your diaries**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** - BSA meeting, 7.30pm in the ICT suite at School. Please come and join us, we would really appreciate and welcome your ideas.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Tombolla day...watch this space for details!

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Bag Pack and Christmas Carols at Budgens.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** 6-9pm– Christmas Fayre

**Have a safe and enjoyable Guy Fawkes night!**

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