

NEWSLETTER 16 – 14th January 2011

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Visit from the Parish Council – The Parish Council visited school this week to talk to our School Council members about their views on Bidford and its facilities. The children raised a number of interesting issues for the Parish Council to consider and the session was a good introduction to local democratic processes.

ICSS Workshops – Davinda and Liz from the Intercultural Support Services have started working with the Year 3 children to develop art, drama and dance around this term's topic, Aztecs.

Sound Beam – Renny Badham from Alcester High School has introduced the 'Sound Beam' music system to the Year 5 children. This system uses sensor technology to translate body movement into digitally generated sound and images and will be used this term to support their Aztec topic work.

Triple P Parenting Programme – This programme started this week with a well attended session on 'The Power of Positive Parenting'. There will be two further sessions: Raising Competent Children (Tues 18th) and Raising Resilient Children (Tues 25th). Refreshments are provided.

Governors – This week our school governors had a training session with the Warwickshire Governor Development Service to update them on recent changes in the OFSTED inspection process.

Teacher Training Days - Friday 18th February, Friday 27th May and Monday 6th June. All school holiday dates are available on our school website www.bidfordonavon.sch.uk on the 'News and Diary' page.

Book of The Week - The Reception children have been reading 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell. What pet would you like from the zoo? Lift the flaps and see what has been sent - it's bound to be a surprise! And just when you think they'll NEVER get it right, they send the very best, most perfect pet of all . . .

Mr A Simms

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Change in Committee

Hannah Richards has advised me of her wish to resign as secretary to the BSA. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Hannah for all her hard work over the past term. If anyone is interested in assisting the committee with minute taking or letter writing on occasions, we would be very grateful. Please give one of us a call.

Bags 2 School (15th/16th February)

When you begin your 'spring clean' and are throwing out old clothes or bedding, please bear in mind that our next Bags 2 School collection is not far off. We will again be collecting clean clothes, bedding, curtains, bags, shoes etc to make some money for the school. The last collection earned us a healthy £240! Lets see if we can beat that ☺.

Phoenix Cards.

Parents of children in Mrs Clark's class will find copies of the new Phoenix brochure in their child's book bag today. There are also copies of the spring brochure available in the office to take away with you if you would like to place an order. Please note that there has been an increase in the price of the cards, which are now £1.20 each if you order 10 or more (as opposed to £1 before).

They remain fantastic value for money, and are a really good quality product. Remember that the BSA takes all of the profit from the sale of these products, which is approximately 30%. We earned £170 last term from Phoenix. The next order date for the cards is Friday 28th January, so please make sure your orders, and cheque/cash are left in the office by this date. All cheques to be made payable to Bidford School Association. Any queries please call Gill Squires. *Please could we ask that all brochures be returned to the office, even if there is no order? We have to purchase these catalogues, which cut down on our profit if we have to reorder further copies. Many thanks.*

Profit to date last term: £5189! Well done everyone!!!!
(Including £313 compensation paid to us by Art Projects For Schools, for the late delivery of the Christmas Cards)

Dates for the diary

15th/16th February - Bags2School
Thursday 17th February - Children's Valentines disco's (Please note correction of date)
Friday 18th March - Ladies Night
Saturday 9th April - Kids on the Catwalk

Next BSA meeting - Tuesday 12th April 2011, 2pm in school, and 7.30pm ICT suite.

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