

## **NEWSLETTER 1 – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

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 next week.

All children should come into school with a coat for playtimes and have a PE kit. Please ensure everything is **named** – we have already had some mislaid items!

**Staffing News** – Welcome to Miss Dix who has joined our staff as our Year 3 class teacher. Our full staff list (along with lots of other useful information) is shown on the school website – [www.bidfordonavon.warwickshire.sch.uk](http://www.bidfordonavon.warwickshire.sch.uk) .

**SIAS Inspection** – Following our recent inspection we have now received our Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools (SIAS) report and have sent a copy home to each family. Our overall grade was good with an outstanding grade for the way our distinctive Christian character meets the needs of all learners. We were particularly pleased with this report, as it recognises all the hard work put in not only by the school and governors, but also parents and carers in promoting Christian values and supporting the needs of all children so that they can develop to their full potential.

**‘Evacuation’** - Our KS2 children travelled (in costume!) on the Severn Valley Steam Railway as they were ‘evacuated’ back to Wartime Britain. Children were able to learn what it was like to be an evacuee and experience life on the Home Front with the constant threat of bombs and having to live on rations – it was a good job they brought their own packed lunches! A big thank you to all our helpers.

**Water Bottles** – It is important that children drink plenty of water during the day and all children should 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.

**Bump Notes** – It is a requirement that we send home a ‘bump note’ if a child has any kind of bump to the head during school time (however minor), so that parents can look out for any possible after effects.

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

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

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**New Classrooms** – Come in on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept after school and let your child show you around their new class. Please wait for your children to collect you from the playground.

**Help Needed!** – We would like some help to clear the Forest School area of thistles and brambles on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> at 1.30am. Please let the office know if you are able to help and please bring your own gloves and tools! Thank you.

**Clubs** – During the year we provide a variety of after school activities. Some of these are privately run by external providers who take responsibility for the children and charge a fee. The following clubs will start during week commencing **12<sup>th</sup> September**:

Mondays	Arsenal Football – Year 1 - 6 (private club - fee payable) Girls Football – Year 3 - 6
Tuesdays	Arts & Crafts – Years 1- 6 (private club - fee payable)
Thursdays	Netball – Year 5 & 6 Cheerleading – Year 3 Games Club – Years 1 - 6 (private club - fee payable)

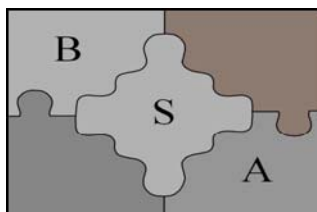
Please come to the office for more information.

**Dates for your Diary –**

- Harvest Festival will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September in the morning – times tbc
- School Open Mornings for prospective parents will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October between 10 and 11.30am – please spread the word!

**Book of the Week** – Mrs Clark's class have been reading 'Is a Camel a Mammal' by Tish Rabe. Dr. Seuss' famous Cat in the Hat guides readers on a fun-filled tour of the world of mammals through an entertaining combination of rhymes and zany illustrations!

**Mr A Simms**



**Bidford School Association Newsletter**  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**Welcome back!**

**AGM**

**Date: Tuesday 20th September 2011**

**Time: 7.30pm**

**Venue: ICT suite in school**

Please join us for a glass of wine and some nibbles whilst Ali fills us in on our progress with fundraising over the past year, and learn what we have purchased as a result to benefit our children.

There will be a short demonstration by 'Bee Crafty', where you will be able to get 'hands on' if you wish. (Dad's...please don't let this put you off! :-D)  
Whether you are interested in becoming a committee member, just coming to see what we get up to, or put in some suggestions; **everyone is welcome!** The more the merrier!! ☺

**Bags2School**

Don't forget there will be another Bags2School collection in early October. If you're having a clear out, don't throw it out, throw it our way instead! (No bric a brac please)

We make a significant amount of money from Bags2school, let's see if we can make a great start to this years fundraising!  
More details to follow.

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