

## **NEWSLETTER 1 – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

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 and to the BSA for helping our new parents with a welcoming coffee morning. We also welcome Miss Drissell, Mr Johnston and Mrs Bond who have joined our teaching staff this term.

All children should come into school with a coat for playtimes and have a PE kit (as Year 3 children will be swimming we will inform you when their kit will be needed). Please ensure everything is named – we have already had some mislaid items!

**Next Week** - From Monday, all reception children will be met at the gate and taken into their classroom by school staff. Year 6 House Captain and Year 2 – 6 School Council elections will take place next week.

**New Classrooms** – Come in on Wednesday 12<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.

**Reading Books** – KS1 reading books will be issued from next week and will be changed on Tuesday (Year 1) and Wednesday (Year 2). Books for Reception children will be sent out in a few weeks.

**Contact Details** – Data collection sheets are being sent home for all children – please check the information carefully and amend details as required. Return signed forms by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

**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. Water is provided in the dining hall at lunchtimes.

**Bump Notes** – 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.

**School Dinners** – The cost of a school dinner is £1.90 per day, please send money in an envelope with your child on a Monday morning with their name, class and days they are having dinners.

**Phonics Workshop** – Our 4 week phonics workshop for parents of Reception and KS1 children starts on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. There are still places available – see separate letter.

**Credit Union** – We run a children’s savings scheme in conjunction with Stratford upon Avon Credit Union – Come along on a Wednesday morning from 8.45am to find out more. We are also looking for a volunteer to support our co-ordinator each Wednesday morning. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** – Budgens are holding a ‘Coffee & Cake’ morning tomorrow (Sat 8<sup>th</sup>) between 10am and 2pm to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

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**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 **10<sup>th</sup> September**:

Mondays	Girls Football – Year 3 – 6 (start 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
Tuesdays	Arts & Crafts – Years 1- 6 (private club - fee payable)
Wednesdays	Tag Rugby - Year 5 & 6 Tennis – Years 2 & 3 (private club - fee payable)
Thursdays	Netball – Year 5 & 6 Cheerleading – Year 3 Boys Football – Year 5 & 6
Fridays	French – Reception – Year 6 (private club – fee payable)

Please come to the office for more information. Performance club for children in Year 3 – 6 will be starting soon on Fridays.

**Dates for your Diary –**

- Individual pupil photographs will be taken on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September.
- Harvest Festival will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in the morning – KS1 9.30am KS2 10am.
- School Open Mornings for prospective parents will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October between 10 and 11.30am – please spread the word!
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Teacher Training Day (**school closed to pupils**)

**Book of the Week** – Reception children have been reading ‘Tom & Small’ by Clara Vulliamy. It's the night before Tom's first day at school and he can't sleep, but magic is in the air.....

**Mr A Simms**

## **BSA Newsletter –Friday 7th September 2012**

**So here we are at the start of another year at school. For those of you new to school...welcome!!!**

**We are the BSA – Bidford School Association...(alternative name for PTA)**

### **AGM**

**The AGM will be held on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the ICT suite. Please come along and have a glass of wine and some nibbles. Vicky will be letting us know how and where we raised money and we can let you know what it bought.**

**The committee for this school year will also be elected so if you are interested in having a role or just want to come along and have a listen please do. Everyone is always welcome as are all ideas.**

**Looking forward to seeing you all**

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**The BSA Committee x**