NEWSLETTER 11 – 23rd November 2012

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

<u>Mrs Rogers</u> – This week the staff wished Mrs Rogers a happy retirement with afternoon tea and a presentation of a gift and flowers on Thursday afternoon. We thanked her for her 37 years of school service.

<u>Stargazing</u> - Unfortunately our stargazing event was cancelled this week, as our astronomers were unable to get here due to localised flooding. Please keep hold of your tickets as we plan to reschedule the event to coincide with National Stargazing Week in January 2013.

ESafety Tips – The recent governor and staff training sessions on ESafety highlighted:

- It is against Facebook policy for children under the age of 13 to have Facebook accounts.
- When buying Christmas presents parents should check that there are parental control settings and filters on games consoles or smartphones that link to the internet.
- The age ratings on video games should be used to ensure that content is age appropriate e.g. the widely advertised Call of Duty Black Ops 2 is rated 18.

<u>Football Kit for Kenya</u> – Thank you very much for your donations of football kits to send to children at the Hope and Kindness School and Orphanage in Kenya. We have been given plenty of football boots and trainers and we would now be very grateful for donations of football shirts and shorts.

<u>Children in Need</u> – Thank you for all of the donations of cakes, we raised a total of £174.20.

Poppy Appeal – £126.54 was collected for the poppy appeal – thank you.

<u>Photographs</u> - Any children who missed the photographer in September will have their photo taken on Monday 26th November.

Dates for your Diary -

- Bidford Community Choir (featuring Bidford School Choir!) Concert to raise funds for the Youth Club
 St Laurence Church on Saturday 24th November at 7.30pm. Adult tickets £7.50
- St Laurence Christmas Fayre Saturday 1st Dec 9.30-12pm Church Hall (Father Christmas is coming!)
- St Laurence Church Christingle Service Sunday 2nd Dec, instead of the first Sunday's Family Service
- St Laurence Christmas Tree Festival Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th December
- KS1 Nativity Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th December at 2pm
- Reception Nativity Tuesday 18th Dec at 9.30am

<u>Book of the Week</u> – Mrs Hudson's class have been reading 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. Hiccup was the most put upon Viking you'd ever seen. Not loud enough to make himself heard, not hard enough to beat his chief rival, and CERTAINLY not stupid enough to go into a cave full of dragons to find a pet......!

Mr A Simms

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Tombola Donation Day

Thank you for all of your generous donations. If for some reason you were unable to bring your donation today please pop it into the office for us.

Santa & Food Tickets

The Tickets to see Santa (timed as per last year) and Food tickets will be for sale both before and after school on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th November. Santa Tickets will be £1.50. Food Tickets will be £1.50 for Sausage Rolls, £2 for Pasties.

7TH December 2012 – 6-9pm

Christmas Wreath Making Evening

Monday 3rd December – please see additional invitation letter in book bags this week – if you have not received yours please pop into the office to collect one.

Lucky Bags

In book bags this week are empty cellophane bags. We are asking you to fill these with – sweets, treats, toys, hair bobbles (new only). Then return them to school next Friday 30^{TH} November in the Morning. They will then be raffled on a stall at the Christmas Fayre.

Raffle Tickets

These are also in book bags this week. What the tickets are also offering is the opportunity for one class to win a party. On the tickets is a place for them to write their class on — which is how they win — the more tickets sold the more chance they have of winning the party — so sell away and remember there are always more in the office.

PLEASE RETURN ANY TICKETS YOU WON'T BE PURCHASING OR SELLING SO THAT WE CAN SELL THEM

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