



Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER 1 – 6th September 2013

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Welcome to the new school year – everyone arrived looking smart in their uniforms. We also welcome Miss Eyles and Miss Cooper who have joined our teaching staff this term. All children should have a coat for playtimes and have a PE kit and pumps. Please ensure everything is named – we have already had some mislaid items!

Reception - 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. From Monday, all reception children will be met at the gate and taken into their classroom by school staff.

Holidays in Term Time – New regulations from the Department for Education have been issued this week. Ensure you read the separate letter.

Nut Allergies - We have several children in school with severe nut allergies. Please help us ensure their safety by not including any nut products in packed lunches.

Donation – A big thank you to the Bidford on Avon Fire Station for their donation of £600 for outdoor play equipment.

New Classrooms – Come in on Thursday 12th 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 and KS2 reading books will be issued from next week. KS1 books 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 13th 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. Please do not send in juice. 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 £2.00 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. Parents can also pay monthly or termly and cheques should be payable to WCC Bidford Primary School.

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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.

- Girls Football Year 3 - 6 starts Monday 9th September 3.20–4.30pm
- Arts & Crafts Year 1 - 6 starts Tuesday 10th September 3.20-5.15pm (fee payable)
- French Club Rec – Year 6 starts Friday 13th September 3.20-4.20pm (fee payable)
- Sewing/Needlecraft Year 3 – 6 starts Wednesday 18th September 3.20–4.30pm (fee payable)

Letters are available from the office

Dates for your Diary –

- Year 3 Swimming lesson start on Wednesday 11th September
- A 4 week Phonics Workshop for parents of Reception and KS1 children starts on Wednesday 25th September – please see separate letter.
- Individual pupil photographs will be taken on Thursday 26th September.
- Harvest Festival will be on Monday 7th October in the morning – KS1 10.00am KS2 11.00am.
- School Open Mornings for prospective parents will be on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th October between 10 and 11.30am – please spread the word!

Book of the Week – Mrs Bent's class has been reading 'Titch' by Pat Hutchins. Titch is the smallest and the youngest in his family but when Titch plants a tiny seed they all find out that starting off small is just the first stage of growing! The children then painted a great big picture of sunflowers!



Mr A Simms

BSA Newsletter – Friday 6th September 2013

Welcome Back Everyone

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

AGM

The AGM, which all sounds very formal, will be held on Tuesday the 17th September at 7.30pm in the ICT suite at school. The formality is only in its name so please come along and have a glass of wine and some nibbles. Vicki 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 (you can ring me if you want to know what's involved) or just want to come along and have a listen please do. Everyone is always welcome as are all ideas because without them we can't do this.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

The BSA xxx

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