

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## NEWSLETTER 4 – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Bell Boating** – Children in Year 5 and 6 have literally 'launched' their new topic on Rivers by going Bell Boating on the River Avon! On each bell boat children and staff had to work together as a team, to navigate the river and the lock - some better than others! It was a tiring day, but nearly all the children agreed it was one of the best trips they've ever been on!

**School Photographs** – Children have had their photographs taken this week – anyone who missed the photographer will have their photograph taken on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Any orders for photographs should be handed in by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

**Parentmail** – Parents of reception children have been sent a 'Parentmail' data capture form. Please return it to the school office if you would like to be registered for emergency text messaging. If you have not previously registered and would like to do so please collect a form from the office.

**Data Collection Sheets** – It is important that our contact information is up to date - Please return data collection sheets to school on Monday. Let us know if you have not received one.

**Harvest Festival** - Come to our Harvest Festivals on Weds 7th Oct – Rec & KS1 at 10am and KS2 at 11am. We would be grateful for donations of produce (which should be sent into school with the children on the morning of 7th Oct) which will be offered by the children during the services. Our Year 5 children will be selling the produce after school to raise money for Water Aid.

**Headlice** – Please check your child's hair regularly; if you need to treat with lotion please remember most brands require 2 applications 7 days apart.

**Phonics Workshop** – Our parents' workshop has begun this week. If you would prefer an evening session please contact the office.

### **Dates for your Diary –**

- Bidford-on-Avon Youth Club open day on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 10 – 5pm.
- St Laurence Church Harvest party on Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 4pm.
- **School will be closed to pupils Tues 1<sup>st</sup> October due to strike action.**
- School Open Mornings for prospective parents will be on Weds 9th and Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct between 10 and 11.30am – please spread the word!
- Parents Evenings Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 6-8.30pm, Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 4.30-7.30pm, appointment letter to follow at a later date.
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils).

**Book of the Week** – Miss Eyles' class have been reading 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. Bradley Chalker tells enormous lies and fights with girls but Carla knows that Bradley could change, if only he was not afraid to try. Sometimes the hardest thing in the world is believing in yourself.....

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## BSA Newsletter – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013

As we said last week we wanted to give you a quick run down of who we all are for those of you that don't already know.

### **Chairperson – Sam Green**

Hi I'm Sam I have lived in the village on and off for my whole life and attended Bidford Primary School myself. (a long time ago now) I have 2 children in school one in Reception and one in Year 6. I have been the Chair for 2 years and this is my 3<sup>rd</sup> and I am very much looking forward to getting to know more parents, having fun and raising money through our projects.

### **Vice-Chairperson – Amanda Griffiths**

Hi I'm Amanda , I have lived in the village for 14 years and have 2 children , 1 at AGS and 1 in yr 5 at Bidford , I have been involved with the BSA quite a lot through out both my daughters time at Bidford and now again with my son. I'd love to see lots of new faces joining us on the BSA and I can promise we will have plenty of fun and laughs in our journey in raising funds for our already brilliant school

### **Treasurer – Vicki Johnston**

Hi I am Vicki and I have lived in the village for 4 years now and have 2 children one in year 3 and the other not yet at school. I have been in the role as treasurer for 2 years now and this is my 3<sup>rd</sup> and seeing the events change over the last 2 years I am looking forward to some fresh changes over the coming year which will continue to raise all important funds for our children.

### **Secretary – Esther Roberts**

Hi there, I'm Esther, and have lived in the village for 3 years now. I have two children at school in years 3 and 5. I've been helping the BSA, dipping into events (set up, running stalls, helping at disco's) for a couple of years. I wanted to join the committee, as it's good to be part of a group of parent volunteers who can help the school, and ultimately, our children.

You are also invited to "The Frog" in the village on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 from 8pm and we would like to offer you all your first glass of wine on us so please come along and bring a friend and lets get planning for another school year, the big man in the red suit isn't far away so there may well be talk of Christmas Fayre!!! Please contact any of us as necessary on the details below.

There will be a 10p Tuck Shop on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September near the School Gates AFTER SCHOOL so bring your pocket money.

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