

NEWSLETTER 14 - 13th December 2013

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Science Family Learning Night - We welcomed around a hundred eager pupils and parents from Bidford Primary School, St. Bede's and Ridgeway Middle Schools last Thursday night, for our family learning night with Lynne Long from the University of Birmingham. We watched as flowers, balloons and even a soft toy were plunged into liquid nitrogen to demonstrate really cold temperatures. Thank you to everyone who attended - look out for our next family learning event in the Spring.

Cross Country – Children from KS2 took part in the annual cross country competition at Shipston High School on Saturday. Well done to Y5 boys and Y6 girls who won their age group overall and well done to all participants as Bidford School won the competition overall once all points were added together.

Netball – Well done to the Year 6 Girls Netball team who beat Temple Grafton School in the friendly match that they played recently.

Christmas Activities -

- Congratulations to Mrs Hudson's class for winning the school Christmas tree competition and for coming second in the children's category at the St Lawrence Church Tree Festival.
- Children in Year 6 made gingerbread men and decorative candles which they sold at the Christmas Fayre making a profit of £88.61 for their Young Enterprise project – well done!
- On Monday children in Years 1 to 6 celebrated Advent with our Christingle service led by Rev Ruth. All the children sang beautifully and have brought home their Christingle.
- Mrs Whiting and the some members of school choir have completed their 'tour' this week singing Christmas Carols at Coughton Court and Waterloo House. The children were a credit to the school.
- Children in Year 1 and 2 told the story of the first Christmas in their Nativity production of 'Humph the Camel'. Thank you to Mrs Greygoose and her team for directing such a lovely performance.

Christmas Post Box - The last posting date for Christmas cards in school will be **Wednesday 18th December.**

Homework & Books – Reception and KS1 reading books have been collected in, new books will be given out next term. Please send in all maths homework books and KS2 spelling books next week.

Dance Club – Please collect a letter from the office if your child (Year 1 – 6) is interested in joining Dance Club which is starting again on Wednesday 15th January.

Diary Dates for School Activities:

- Reception Christmas Nativity Songs – Tuesday 17th Dec at 9.30am
- Remember Christmas Lunch day is on Wednesday 18th December. Class Christmas activities will be held after lunch on Wed, Thurs or Fri next week – children may bring clothes to change into. Your child's class teacher will let you know which day their activities are on.
- Collective Worship – There is **NO** Celebration Collective Worship Friday 20th December.

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Diary Dates for Community Activities:

- Bidford Churches Village Nativity – Saturday 14th Dec at 3.30pm starting at St Joseph's R.C. Church. Children wishing to take part as angels and shepherds please arrive at 3pm to dress up. Please bring torches and lanterns, refreshments in St Laurence's afterwards.
- Rural Cinema – The Film showing at The Crawford Hall on **Sunday 15th December** @ 2.00 pm is "The Croods" (Cert U).

Book of the Week – Miss Eyles' class have been reading 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl. Witches disguise themselves as lovely ladies, when secretly they want to squish and squelch all the wretched children they despise. Luckily one boy and his grandmother know how to recognize these vile creatures!

Mr A Simms

Thank You

The BSA would like to thank each and every one of you who attended the Christmas Fayre. In whatever capacity you were there you made it wonderful and we are truly grateful for your contributions whether it was in time, money or cake!

Christmas Bag Pack Tomorrow

It is our annual trip to Budgens Tomorrow (14th December) 10am-4pm if you and your children can spare half an hour please come and help us to pack peoples shopping, they make some very generous donations to our school and the more help we have the better donations the children receive. Children to be in school uniform please.

It will soon be time to plan our Spring Terms events so please come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 15th January at 7.30pm in the ICT suite at school. Please come along and have a drink and some nibbles, tell us all of your wonderful ideas you never know you might even enjoy it!

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