

NEWSLETTER 7 – 17th October 2014

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Term Time Holidays – We would like to remind parents that we are not able to grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional. Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Please Note - From 17th October 2014, following legal advice received, all unauthorised Leave of Absence applications will be referred to the Attendance Compliance and Enforcement Service.

Road Safety Visit – Reception children received a visit from Ruby and Jack who came in their special bus with 'Warwick the Bear'. They talked to us about car safety and the importance of wearing seatbelts even when the car has stopped. They also talked about Road Safety and how we should all Stop, Look and Listen and Think when crossing the road. This was all done through songs and stories, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Open Mornings - This week we welcomed a number of prospective parents to show them around our school and grounds and were pleased to hear many positive comments. Thank you to our childminders and the BSA for helping to make the mornings successful. To secure a school place for children born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 you need to apply online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool by 15th January 2014.

School Milk – We run the Cool Milk scheme in school and **all children under five** are entitled to receive their milk **free of charge**. Please contact the office if you would like your child to receive milk or go to www.coolmilk.com.

Clubs Update

- There will be NO Netball on Thursday 23rd October and 13th November.
- Spanish Club is held on Thursdays – places available (fee payable) – ask at the office for details.

Dates for your Diary –

- Parents Evenings are on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd Oct – Appointment times have been sent home.
- Christmas Tree Festival at St Laurence Church 6th & 7th December. Our school competition winner will be on display but if you would like to enter your own tree e-mail tebaybuxton@hotmail.com or collect a letter from the library.

Book of the Week – Mr Johnston's class are reading 'Billionaire Boy' by David Walliams. Joe is really very rich; he has got his own bowling alley, his own cinema, even his own butler but there is just one thing he really needs..... a friend!

Mr A Simms

The latest from the BSA...

A message to the parents and carers... old and new!

All of us have just about settled into our new surroundings – be it a new school, new teacher, new playground or – for us – our new roles in the Bidford School Association!

We are really excited to join with lots of other parents and children to help plan some great events this year. Our roles are simple: help provide some valuable extra funds for the school, and – above all – create some brilliant events which give the kids and the whole school community lots of fun!

So many of you have provided your fantastic ideas and support in the past and we hope we can rely on you all to get involved again!

If you're new to the school, or new to the BSA, we would love to meet you. We would love to have your help (and we will ask for it a lot!) – and anything you want to do for the BSA is very much appreciated. Your ideas, or your time, or your donations – all are brilliant. All we ask is – try it, and see if you enjoy it!

Our first meeting is on Wednesday 22nd October at 19:30 – The Frog, Bidford

The first opportunity for you to come along and see what's going on is next Wednesday. We are looking to get lots of ideas for what you and your kids want to see at your Christmas Fayre on Friday 12th December!

The bit for the kids!

We know lots of you are waiting for the Autumn Disco! It will be early in the new half term – more details in next week's newsletter!

And the last thing... we will be using Facebook a lot to keep everyone posted on the latest news! If you haven't already – Like us! Search for "Bidford School BSA"

We look forward to meeting and talking to lots of you in the playground, in the park, wherever – and most of all at the meeting on Wednesday!

Emily, Glenda, Laura and Emma

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