

NEWSLETTER 16 – 9th January 2015

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors, Happy New Year and welcome to the new term!

Attendance – Congratulations to Mrs Greygoose class who achieved the highest attendance for the Autumn Term. Your child's registration certificate for the Autumn term will be sent out next week.

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 - all unauthorised Leave of Absence applications will be referred to the Attendance Compliance and Enforcement Service.

Protective Behaviours Programme - This term we are running our annual sessions on protective behaviours. This is a safety awareness and resilience building programme which helps children to recognise situations where they feel worried or unsafe and explores ways to keep safe.

Education Sunday - You and your families are invited to St Laurence Church in Bidford on January 28th at 10.30am. Local schools will join together for a special service where the children will sing songs and read prayers. All children attending should wear their school uniform.

School Library Books - Please return all school library books next week for a stock take.

KS1 Forest School – Sessions for Mr Thackway's class will be on Thursday mornings and Mrs Greygoose's class will be on Tuesday afternoons. Sessions for Mrs Walsh's class will be on Mondays commencing 19th January.

Clubs Update –

- Athletics (invited children), Spanish (still places available) & Performance Group started this week.
- Other clubs will start as follows:

Tues 13 th Jan	Crafts	Wed 14 th Jan	Cooking – Group 2
Thur 15 th Jan	Boys Football & Artbase	Fri 16 th Jan	Street Dance (invited children)
Mon 19 th Jan	Girls Football	Wed 21 st Jan	Sewing Club
- Start date for netball is to be confirmed.

Please remember – look on our school website www.bidfordonavon.warwickshire.sch.uk to check details on previous newsletters and for any diary dates.

Book of the Week – Mrs Hudson's class are reading 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J K Rowling. Harry Potter is an ordinary boy who lives in a cupboard under the stairs. That is until an owl turns up with a letter addressed to Harry.....

Mr A Simms

The latest from the BSA...

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday.

There are lots of fun BSA events to look forward to this year, including the Spring disco (for the kids) and a curry and quiz night (something for the grown-ups)!

We are really keen to speak to lots of you to find out what kinds of activities you would like to see the BSA organising – look out for more information here and on Facebook soon. No need to wait though - just tell us your thoughts!

Dates for the Spring term events will always be here first, so keep reading the back of the newsletter!

Happy weekend!

Keep checking our Facebook page for the latest information.
Search for “Bidford School BSA” or sign-up to volunteer on “BSA Volunteers”

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