

NEWSLETTER 18 – 23rd January 2015

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Forest School - Children in Year 1 and 2 have begun weekly sessions in Forest School. Children have been investigating the Winter environment, looking at the wildlife and what is growing (or not!) in the garden.

African Dance Workshop – KS2 pupils have begun their dance workshop exploring the history and culture of the Maasai tribe and have been learning a song in Swahili. The dance relates to this term's topic of 'Disaster's as the Maasai believe that their God lives in the mountains and that volcano eruptions are due to their God being angry.

Story Competition - Mrs Hall Dix, our school librarian, has entered our school into the BBC Radio 2 '500 Word' competition. Children aged 5-13 can enter by writing a 500 word story about anything their imagination chooses. Please return all entries to School by Thurs 12th Feb. The 50 winners get to meet The Duchess of Cornwall at Buckingham Palace. For more information go to www.radio2/500words. Please see Mrs Hall Dix for help and editing – LET'S GET WRITING!

Birthday Treats – Please do not send your child in with sweets or cake for other children - we have to be ever aware of allergies.

Dates for your Diary –

- Education Sunday Service at St Laurence Church at 10.30am on 25th January.
- Messy Church at The Barn on 1st February 4 - 5:30pm – an afternoon for the whole family exploring the Bible story of "The Wise and Foolish Builders", food included.
Contact kids@thebarn.org.uk for more information.
- Parents Evening - Tuesday 10th Feb 6 – 8.30pm and Thursday 12th Feb 4 – 6.30pm.
- Teacher Training Days – Friday 27th March and Friday 22nd May – School closed to children.
- Year 6 SATs will take place during week commencing 11th May.

Book of the Week – Miss Stefanovic's class have been reading 'Gangsta Granny' by David Walliams. Ben visits his Granny every Friday while his parents go to watch ballroom dancing. But he hates the dull, cabbage-dominated evenings. Then he discovers that his Granny isn't quite what she seems.....!

Mr A Simms

The latest from the BSA...

We are just getting moving on our 2015 activities and have agreed a couple of dates:

- Bags 2 School collection will be just after half term, with empty bags going out for you to fill just before half term
- We are hoping to hold our Curry and Quiz Night on Friday, 3rd March and more on getting your teams together will be in the newsletter shortly
- We will have another BSA disco – probably just after the Easter holidays. We are looking to get the kids involved in choosing the music! More to come!

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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