NEWSLETTER 28 - 24th April 2015

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

<u>Village Walk</u> – Children in our Reception classes visited the allotments in the village this week to look at fruit and vegetables growing. The children learnt what allotments were, saw rhubarb growing in the dark (!) and also looked at different trees with a variation of blossom and leaves.

<u>Soundbeam</u> – Pupils in Year 5 have started Soundbeam sessions this week with Renny Badham from Alcester Academy linking with their topic on Ancient Greeks. Soundbeam is a 'touch free' device which uses sensor technology to translate body movement into music and sound.

<u>KS1 Transport Day</u> - Pupils in year 1 and 2 came to school ready for adventure on Friday, travelling to three continents without even leaving the front door! A variety of food tasting activities, map work and fact finding about some of the countries visited by Jules Verne's character Phileas Fogg were part of the experience as they re-lived the famous English gentleman's journey.

<u>Music Tuition</u> - Letters to start/continue Music Tuition in September have been sent home today. Please return to school by <u>Wednesday 6^{th} May</u>.

<u>School Vacancy</u> – We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. Please come to the office for more details.

Clubs Update -

- There is no Girls Football Club on Monday 27th April.
- Boys Football for Year 5 & 6 starts on Thurs 30th April and finishes 21st May.

Dates for your Diary -

- There will be a sale of second hand uniform in the hall at 3.15pm on Mon 27th April. Please send in any clean usable uniform to the office.
- Performance Club performance to parents is on **THURSDAY 30th April** at 7pm tickets have been sent home. Children should return to school at 6.30pm.
- Year 6 SATs will take place during week commencing 11th May.
- Teacher Training Day Friday 22nd May School closed to children.

<u>Local Activities</u> - Leaflets for activities are available from the office for half term sports activities and Bidford Tennis club.

<u>Book of the Week</u> – Children in Reception have been reading 'Jasper's Beanstalk' by Nick Butterworth. Jasper plants a bean. He waits for it to grow into a beanstalk all week. How long will he have to wait before he can start looking for giants?

Mr A Simms

Don't forget...

Spring Disco: Friday 8th May

KS1: 17:45 – 19:00

KS2: 19:15 - 20:30

Tickets on sale Wednesday 29th April after school, £2.50 each
Tickets also available on the door (but better to buy in advance so you don't have to worry about carrying cash)

KS2! Thank you for all the fantastic song requests for your disco! If there are any more, you can still give them to reception before 29th April.

<u>Parents:</u> We will have a chill-out area for kids so why not send your child with a named bottle (water only) in case they want an extra drink? We will also give them a drink and a biscuit halfway through.

Parents and carers please note: we can only allow children of school age to attend. That means, sadly, no babies or toddlers – including in pushchairs or carriers. Sorry! Ask us if you want more details.

If this will be your child's first disco, or they are in reception, please stay with them for the disco.

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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