

NEWSLETTER 39 – 17th July 2015

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Year 6 Panto – The Year 6 children entertained their parents and the KS2 children with their version of 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears' by Roald Dahl. It was a fabulous performance - well done to all the cast and their supporters. A big thank you to Mrs Mills, Mrs Lovell and Miss Mason for their excellent direction!

Cricket – Our cricket team took part in a tournament at Wellesbourne on Wednesday and triumphed as the winners. They won every match convincingly and were expertly coached by Mr Johnston. Thank you to parents for transport and support.

Author Visit – All KS2 children were given a Bidford library card to encourage them to use the library more often and our school name was entered into a draw which we won resulting in an extremely interesting interactive talk from Ian Whybrow author of "Harry & the Bucketful of Dinosaurs. He read a story and asked the children to guess what animal he was describing and also asked for interesting alternative endings to his new book. **ATTENTION ALL DADS** – During Ian's visit he did a survey of pupils and discovered that 95% see their Mums reading & only 20% see their Dads reading! Are you one of those 80%?! Let's see more Dads reading to or in front of their children, it will inspire them.

Talent Show – KS2 children staged 'Bidford's got Talent' on Thursday. We were treated to a variety of acts including singing, dancing, stand-up comedy and live music – you may have heard it! The staff treated the children to a surprise finale.

Leavers Service – Today we said good luck and farewell to Year 6 at our Leaver's Assembly, our Chair of Governors, Mr Fountain and Rev Ruth presented the children with their leaving gifts.

Well done to the following Year 5 children who were presented with our annual awards:

Lilly Gallagher– *Sports Cup* Joshua Grubb - *Fellowship Cup* Erin Perkins – *Reading Cup*
Georgia Cannadine- *Science Cup* Zoë Hawyes– *Drama Cup*

We also said goodbye and good luck to Mr Johnston, Mrs Plawustiak and Mrs Wynne who are leaving our school today to move on to pasture new. We would like to wish Mrs Greygoose all the best as she begins her maternity leave.

Budgens – Thank you to Warner Budgens for our summer treat this week: strawberries for all of the children – delicious!

Building Site Safety – We were visited by the Taylor Wimpey site manager on Monday who talked to the children about the dangers of a building site and how it should not be used as a playground especially during the holidays.

Summer Reading Scheme - Register your child at Bidford Library for the 'Record Breakers' reading challenge from Saturday 11th July. Children will receive a medal in Collective Worship when they have completed it. Angela Ballard from Bidford Library has given the children more details this week. Children in Years 4-6 bring in your certificate and have your children's university passport stamped.

Children's University News (Years 4-6) – An exciting Summer Activity Challenge is open to all passport holders – see separate details. It is packed full of lots of things children & families can do at or around their homes. Return it to Mrs Walsh after the holidays and receive a stamp in your passport for 1 hour for each activity that you complete the evaluation form for.

A number of visitor attractions are validated learning destinations – check their websites to see if they have registered.

Transition – Children in Reception and Year 2 have been given a parent information sheet to aid the transition to the next key stage.

Attendance - Please arrive promptly for the start of the school day. School gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am, anyone arriving after 8.55am will be recorded as late.

School Meals – The price of a school meal in September will remain at £2.10 per day for children in Year 3 to 6 and free for Reception to Year 2. Families of children entitled to income dependent free school meals should still register so that we can claim **Pupil Premium of up to £1390** per child on free school meals to make sure our school's budget matches it's community's needs. Please go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to apply or contact us for further information.

Book of the Week – Following our visit from Ian Whybrow our Book of the Week is 'Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs'. Harry finds some dusty plastic dinosaurs in Nan's attic. He cleans them, finds out their names and takes them everywhere - until, one day, the dinosaurs get lost.....

The staff and I wish you all a fantastic summer holiday and look forward to seeing you on **MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER**.

Mr A Simms

Thank you so much!

All of us on the BSA Committee would like to give a HUGE thanks to everyone who helped plan, contribute to, set up, run and clear away the School Fayre on Friday. It was a great night, we hope you agree, and in the new term we'll be able to share the details of how we plan to spend the great amount of money that was raised on the night. Thank you all for your generosity and support over the past year!

We would like to wish all the Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as you move onto the next exciting chapter in your lives. Have fun, work hard, and be true to yourselves and you'll succeed!

We wish everyone a wonderful summer xxx

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