

NEWSLETTER 2 – 18th September 2015

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Bell Boating – Children in Year 5 and 6 spent a day Bell Boating on the River Avon. They paddled towards Stratford and navigated their way through the locks before returning to a picnic lunch on the Meadow. In the afternoon they ventured towards Marlcliff and took part in races. The day was a great lesson in teamwork and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it!

Peer Mediation – Pupils in Year 5 took part in a peer mediation workshop led by Peter Timms, a mediation professional. This training develops skills that will enable children to support others in solving minor conflicts and we are looking forward to initiating these practices in the next few weeks.

Primary Science Quality Mark – We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Gold PSQM for the second time. Our application, which was made by Mrs Greygoose in the summer term, was judged exceptional by the assessor and was commended for the range of science enrichment we provide.

Data Collection Sheets – It is important that your contact information is up to date - Please return data collection sheets to school on Monday. Let us know if you have not received one.

Clubs – During the year we provide a variety of after school activities. Some of these are privately run by external providers who take responsibility for the children and charge a fee.

- Girls Football Y3 - 6 started Tuesday 15th September 3.20–4.30pm
- Artbase Y1 – 6 started Thursday 17th September 3.20 – 4.20pm (fee payable)
- Arts & Crafts Y1 - 6 starts Tuesday 22nd September (fee payable)
- Girls Netball Y5 & 6 starts Thursday 24th September 3.20-4.30pm
- Tag Rugby Y5 & 6 starts Thursday 24th September 3.20-4.30pm
- Performance Club Y3-6 starts Friday 25th September 3.20-4.15pm
- Sewing/Needlecraft Y3 - 6 starts Wednesday 7th October for 9 weeks (fee payable)

Letters are available from the office and details of other clubs will follow over the next few weeks.

Dates for your Diary –

- Individual pupil photographs will be taken on Monday 28th September.
- Harvest Festival is on Mon5th Oct – Rec & KS1 10am, KS2 11am. Parents welcome.
- School Open Mornings for prospective parents will be on Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th October between 10 and 11.30am – please spread the word!
- Parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October.
- Training Day (school closed to children) Friday 23rd October & Monday 2nd November.

Book of the Week – Miss Eyles' class have been reading 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. In 1910 orphan Maia starts a new life with distant relatives many miles up the Amazon. She is accompanied by an eccentric and mysterious governess and they both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences

Mr A Simms

The latest from Bidford School Association...

Parents and carers!

We'll have our first proper meeting week commencing 28th September. Pencil in Wednesday 30th although it might change... It will be in the evening in the school.

We are thrilled that we've already had lots of people coming forward and saying they want to get more involved – fantastic! The more the merrier. We promise you'll enjoy being part of all the BSA does!

Kids!

<< Bidford Bridge Bash!! >>

Don't forget this Sunday 20th September is the Bidford Bridge Bash! The BSA are doing a craft table (free, but donations for Bidford Chamber of Commerce welcome!):

- ✓ **Come and make a bridge picture to be displayed in one of the local businesses!**
- ✓ **Make your own bunting to take home and remind you of a lovely day in our village!**
- ✓ **We want all our school pupils to enter the fancy dress competition, to be judged at 3pm in the new Gift Box shop next to the florist! Any fancy dress welcome and there will be a prize for each age group.**

We would love to get to know our new families and those that haven't been involved before. Please feel very welcome at all our events and if you want to get involved then that's fantastic – you'll have loads of fun!

Find us on Facebook – "Bidford School BSA"

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