

## **NEWSLETTER 6 – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Special Books** – Last Friday Rev Ruth came to talk to children in Years 1 and 2 about special books. The children looked at books that were special to them and talked about why they were important and should be looked after. Rev Ruth bought in her very special book which was a Bible that had belonged to her father. Pupils also looked at different Bibles including one written in Hebrew.

**Open Mornings** - This week we welcomed a number of prospective parents to show them around our school and grounds and were pleased to hear many positive comments. Thank you to our childminders and the BSA for helping to make the mornings successful. To secure a school place for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2012 you should apply online at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool) 15th Jan 2016.

**Prevent Strategy** – From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have had a duty to safeguard children from radicalization and extremism. This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist views just as we teach children about the dangers of drugs and keeping safe. The Prevent Strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children. It is also about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect. We ensure any discussions are suitable for the age and maturity of the children involved. If you would like more details, a leaflet is available in the entrance foyer.

**EYFS Assessment** – Children in reception classes have taken part in a “National Reception Base Line Assessment”, your child’s teacher will be able to discuss the results during your parents evening consultation.

**Clubs Update** - Y5/6 Boys Football Club will be starting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, letters are available from the office. Y5/6 Tag Rugby is now finished for this term.

### **Reminders-**

- **Year 5 PGL Residential Trip** – Please note the next payment instalment is due Mon 19th Oct.
- **Coats** – Please ensure your child come to school with a warm coat for playtimes.
- **Headlice** – Please check your child’s hair regularly and treat if necessary. Most applications need repeating 7 days after the first treatment.
- **School Website** - Please remember our website is updated regularly and can be used to check general information.

### **Dates for your Diary –**

- Parents Evening Tues 20<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. (Miss Hodesdon & Mrs Ellwood/Mrs Bond Tues 20<sup>th</sup> and Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. Appointments have now been sent home with children.
- Training Day Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct & Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.
- The deadline for Secondary School applications for Year 6 children is 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.
- Bidford Big Bonfire and Fireworks Display at The Big Meadow on Sun 1st Nov. Gates open 6pm.
- Individual Photos for those children that missed them in September – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Book of the Week** – Reception children have been reading ‘Funnybones’ by Allan and Janet Ahlberg. The skeletons live in a dark dark cellar of a dark dark house on a dark dark hill. One night they venture out to find someone to scare.....!

**Mr A Simms**

## ***The latest from Bidford School Association...***

### **Two exciting things for the kids to get involved in!**

#### ***1. Disco requests***

All pupils are invited to the Autumn Disco on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November in the School Hall!

Reception & KS1: 5.45 – 7pm

KS2: 7.15 – 8.30

Tickets will be on sale during the week after half term.

**It's time for your disco requests! What song do you want to hear on the night? It's your disco so you get to choose!**

**Leave your song requests with the song name, artist, your name and your class on one of the slips in Reception by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November!**

#### ***2. Bidford Fire Station – Guy competition***

We are excited about another local event – the Fireworks Display on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November. To get us all involved, the Fire Station will be hosting a competition for the best Guy – straw for stuffing is available in the Hardware Store! Drop your Guy down at the Fire Station between 10am and 4pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> where you can see them displayed, and also get to look around the Fire Station!

**Don't forget to get your tickets – they're available from the high street shops, as well as being on sale after school one day next week! You can get them on the gate if you forget 😊**

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