

NEWSLETTER 15 – 8th January 2016

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Happy New Year and welcome to the new term!

Attendance –

- Congratulations to Mrs Bent's class who achieved the highest attendance for the Autumn Term. Your child's registration certificate for the Autumn term has been sent home today. ***Well done to all the children who achieved 95% attendance or more.*** If your child has not achieved 95% and you have concerns please make an appointment to see me. The WCC Attendance Compliance Enforcement service will be reviewing our attendance performance later this month.
- Parents are reminded that we are not able to grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional. Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s). **Please Note - all unauthorised Leave of Absence applications will be referred to the Attendance Compliance and Enforcement Service.**

Admissions for Sept 2016 - To secure a school place for children born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 you need to apply online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions by 15th January 2016.

School Meals – Our catering team are providing a special menu on Thurs 21st Jan to encourage more children to have a school meal. They are offering Hot Dogs or Peas and Sweetcorn Pasta with Jacket Wedges, Vegetable Sticks & Baked Beans followed by Mini Chocolate Donuts or Ice Cream. Meals are £2.10 but free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Lego – We would be very grateful for donations of unwanted Lego -thank you.

Clubs Update –

- Athletics , Y3/4 Mulitskills, Cooking Club (Group 3) & Performance Group have started.
- Girls Football & Arts & Crafts will start on Tues 12th Jan.
- Y5/6 Boys Football & Artbase will start on Thurs 14th Jan.
- Start dates for Netball, Street Dance, Sewing Club are to be confirmed.

Dates for your Diary

- **Bidford Rural Cinema** – Fri 8th Jan -PAN (Cert PG) @ 7.00 pm at the Crawford Memorial Hall. Ticket Office opens at 6.30 pm and prices remain at £2.50.
- **St Laurence Party Church** - Sun 10th at 4.00pm. Find out about Daniel and how he survived the Lion's Den.

Book of the Week – Miss Butler's class have started reading 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo. Evacuated from London, David and Tucky feel like the war is a long way away from their new life in the countryside. When a German bomber crashes, the boys feel they should hate the airmen inside. But one of them saves David's life . . .

Mr A Simms

Happy New Year!

We had a great year in the BSA in 2015, funding play equipment, high-vis vests for walking around the village, goal posts and more. This year we will be funding more exciting school projects – we'll be deciding what is most needed during our next meeting, to be held in February (watch this space for the date).

Do you have ideas for events? So far we have planned a disco, a quiz with homemade food, and another summer fayre. We can't do everything but we're always happy to hear good ideas and get more people involved in this fun group. Parents and pupils welcome alike! Get in touch as below...

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2016!

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