

NEWSLETTER 17 – 22nd January 2016

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

African Choir – Some of our pupils joined the African Children's Choir for a performance at the Stratford Arts House on Friday last week singing a medley of traditional songs conjuring thoughts of African landscapes and the lives of the people that live there. Our children gave a fabulous performance – thank you to our parents for their support.

Coventry Cathedral Trip – To launch their Second World War topic children in years 5 and 6 visited the original Coventry Cathedral and the new Cathedral that joins it. They were shown a 1940s classroom and kitchen and learnt about what life would have been like. The children talked about air raid shelters and had to think about what children would have taken with them if they were evacuated in 1940 and in 2016 - the objects would have been very different!

Online Payments - We are introducing a new secure online payment service that allows parents to make payments to school using their debit or credit cards. Payments will initially be for school meals but will include music lessons, trips and other activities from the Summer Term. We will be using a system called 'SIMS Agora' and payments will be secure and use the highest level of card security. A letter giving further information and your individual secure access details will be provided to you next week and we are hoping the system will be available to access from Mon 1st February.

Parking – Please only use the drop off layby to pull into and allow your child to exit your car safely. It is not intended to be used for parents who wish to walk their child to the school gate, Ward's Lane car park by the fire station is the car park to use for this purpose. On **Tues 26th January** – do not use the drop off as coaches will be arriving for a school trip.

Hometime – For your children's safety and security please do not allow them to go on to the play areas when in the playground at hometime.

Music Lessons - We currently have spaces in Violin, Keyboard/Piano & Vocal lessons (approx. £60 per term). Please contact the office if you wish your child to start tuition.

PE Kit – Please remember PE kit should be left in school during term time.

Clubs Update –

- Cooking Club will be on **Wednesday 27th January** not Thursday 28th.
- Netball will start on Thursday 4th February

Dates for your Diary – Parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th Feb. Appointment request letters have been sent home this week.

Book of the Week – Children in Year 5 and 6 have started reading Carrie's War by Nina Bawden. During the Second World War Carrie and Nick are evacuated from London to a small town in Wales, where they are placed with strict Mr Evans and his timid mouse of a sister.....

Mr A Simms

The latest from the BSA...

Pencil in the date...

Quiz and Curry night: Friday 4th March, 8pm (date to be confirmed next week!)

We are very pleased to be holding our Quiz and Curry evening again, after half term. Back by popular demand, the event will include a homemade curry feast, a welcome drink, and a cash prize for the winning team!

Tickets will be £8 per person and teams can be between 6 and 8 people – you can plan to join as a team, or you can be allocated to a team of individuals on the night.

We will confirm the details of date and tickets next week (we may need to move to a little later in the half term) but why not get your teams together in the meantime?

We are not asking for any other volunteers for this event – we just want everyone to enjoy themselves and relax! Please note this event is just for grown-ups but you are welcome to bring friends and family along.

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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