

NEWSLETTER 27 –22nd April 2016

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Attendance –

- Congratulations to Mrs Mills' class who achieved the highest attendance for the Spring Term. Your child's registration certificate for the academic year so far 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.
- 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.**

Sports News - Our Girls Football squads took part in matches against Temple Grafton this week, our Year 3&4 girls won 4-0 and The Year 5&6 team played a hard fought match but unfortunately lost 4-3.

Bikeability – Some of our Year 4 children have taken part in the Bikeability 1 cycling course. They learnt bicycle control, use of gears, signaling, observational skills and how to do a simple bike check.

Headlice – We have had several cases of headlice in school recently. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat as necessary.

Lost Property - We still have a number of children's scooters that have been left behind in the playground. Please call into the office if you think they might belong to you.

Safety - Do not bring dogs inside the school gates and do not allow children to ride scooters on the school premises.

Clubs Update

- The **last Tag Rugby** session will be on Monday 25th April.
- **Rounders for Years 5 & 6** will start on Wednesday 4th May, please collect a letter from the office on Monday morning, places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Book of the Week – Children in Year 3/4 have been reading 'Going Solo' by Roald Dahl. This book tells the story of his wartime exploits as a fighter pilot including crash-landing in no-man's land and surviving a direct hit during the Battle of Athens.

Mr A Simms

The latest from the BSA...

Disco thank you!

We had a great time last week at the school discos and we hope you did too! Thanks to you all, over £400 was raised which we can put towards developing the science garden and outdoor facilities.

****PARENTS****

Do you work for an organisation that offers cash-matching for charity fundraising? Could you spare a little time to help at an event or two? If so please get in touch! Use our Facebook page, or contact Emily (see below). It's a great way to raise extra funds for our school!

Our next big event will be the **Summer Fayre on Friday, 15th July**. Look out for details of our planning session next week!

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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