

NEWSLETTER 5 – 7th October 2016

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Harvest - Rev Ruth and Mrs Meehan led our Harvest celebrations on Monday. Thank you to parents for their kind donations and for joining us. The Harvest sale organised by the Year 5 pupils raised £164 for Water Aid, a charity who help provide clean water in developing countries.

Dogs Trust – This week children in Year 1 and 2 welcomed two very special visitors from the Warwickshire Dogs Trust. Anthea Holloway came with her terrier Bailey to talk to the children about looking after dogs and the work of the Dogs Trust. Through drama and role-play, the children learnt about how to look after a dog and the things they need. The visit was linked to the children's English work on stories with familiar settings and gave them a perfect opportunity to meet a rescued dog.

Parent Governor – We would like to welcome Mrs Carrie-Anne Walker who joins our Governing Body as Parent Governor this term.

School Photographs – Children have had their photographs taken this week – anyone who missed it will have their photograph taken on Monday 21st November (if your child has PE that day please send them into school in their uniform with their PE kit to change into). Orders should be handed in by Wednesday 12th October.

Violin Tuition – County Music are offering a free taster session on Monday morning, with the new teacher, for anyone in Years 3 to 6 who is interested in starting or continuing violin lessons (in school time). Please come to the office to register your interest.

Reminders:

- **Water Bottles** – Water bottles should only contain water.
- **School Day** – The school day starts at **8.55am** and NOT 9.00am. The gates are open from 8.45am.
- **Coats** – Children should come to school with a waterproof coat to wear at playtime.
- **Secondary School Applications** - The closing date for secondary 2017 applications is **31st October**. Online applications can be made at: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool>.

Dates for your Diary -

- St Laurence Party Church is on Sun 9th Oct at 4pm. The theme this week is Jesus' special prayer - The Lord's Prayer. Enjoy crafts and food with lots of time to chat.
- School Open Mornings will be on Mon 10th and Weds 12th Oct between 10 and 11.30am.
- Parents Evenings will be held on Weds 19th Oct 6-8.30pm and Thurs 20th Oct 4-6.30pm.
- Teacher Training Day (school closed to children) on Fri 21st Oct.

Book of the Week – Year 5 and 6 children are reading 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. Nobody believes Barney when he says he's discovered a boy living wild in the dump. But for Barney, Stig is totally real. They become great friends, learn each other's ways and embark on a series of exciting adventures.

Mr A Simms

The latest from Bidford School Association

Lots to tell you this week! Deep breath, and...

Disco next Friday! 14th October

Tickets for sale after school on Monday and Tuesday, and also on the door. £2.50 each.

We've made the discos start earlier:

Reception, Yr 1, Yr 2: 5pm – 6.15

Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5, Yr 6: 6.30 – 7.45

School age children only please, and Reception children need to be accompanied. Thank you!

Christmas Fair planning!

We would love to hear your ideas at our session in school on Tuesday 18th October, 1.30pm.

If you can't join us, please feel free to share your ideas with us in person, as below or send a message via our Facebook page.

Cash Match

The BSA has received £1400 through our parents volunteering and being sponsored by their organisations – a huge thank you to HSBC and Mondelez International! If your company does a cash match scheme, we would love to hear from you!

Volunteers needed!

Could you please help us with our discos? We need two people to monitor the front doors at each disco, and four people to help with giving out and pouring drinks. We especially struggle in the KS2 disco! Please get in touch any way you like!

Find us on Facebook – “Bidford School BSA”

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