

## **NEWSLETTER 9 – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Year 1 Topic Maths 'Jack and the Beanstalk'** – A visit from a not-so-friendly giant prompted some exciting work from year 1 pupils in Maths, English and Geography. After planting some magic beans, an enormous beanstalk grew in the classroom – then the next morning we discovered some giant footprints in the playground! Children wrote warning posters for the village in case the giant was still lurking, and then measured the giant footprints and compared them to their own. One of the giant footprints was 240cm long, so we think the giant must be 6 times taller (15 metres 60 centimetres)! Children also created a map showing the physical and human features of the Land of the Giants using symmetrical patterns.

**Pop Up Planetarium** – Children and their parents joined us last week for our Family Learning night in a Warwick University's Pop Up Planetarium. We explored our Solar System and learned about life on earth in a 3D animated show entitled 'We are Aliens'.

**Allergies** – Please do not include nuts of any sort in your child's lunch box as we have several children with nut allergies in school.

**Parking** – Please do not park in the staff car park or in the drop off layby. The drop off layby is **NOT** a parking bay and is for parents who wish to drop their children off without accompanying them to the gate. Further parking is available at Ward Lane Car Park behind the Fire Station.

**Clubs Update** – Tag Rugby & Netball club have now finished (Netball will commence again in the New Year).

### **Dates for your Diary –**

- St Laurence Party Church on Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Nov at 4pm. The theme is 'Saints' with crafts, games, stories, songs and tea - all welcome.
- Individual Photos for those children that missed them in September – Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.
- Year 1 & 2 Nativity will be on Tues 6<sup>th</sup> and Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm – tickets will be sent home nearer the time.
- School Christmas Service is at St Laurence Church on Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm.
- Christmas Lunch will be on Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Please send your order form into the office by Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.
- Reception Christmas Songs will be on Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9.30am.

**Book of the Week** – Children in Miss Butler's class have been reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl. Mr Willy Wonka, the most wondrous inventor in the world, opens his gates of his amazing chocolate factory to five lucky children. Gobstoppers, wriggle sweets and a river of melted chocolate delight await - Charlie needs just one Golden Ticket and these delicious treats could all be his!

**Mr A Simms**

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

***Lots going on next Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November!***

**Toy Stall donations needed!**

In addition to the normal kids' tombola stall, we thought it would be fun to have a toy stall at the Christmas Fair. If you have any school-age toys you'd be happy to part with, we would love to take them! Good quality soft toys welcomed too. We will be collecting on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, in the school hall. Please do not feel obliged to donate to this or any other request!

**Children In Need Spotacular Dress-Down Day!**

We invite all children and staff to wear the clothes of their choice – and if you want to join in the theme, then why not go all spotty? We'll be on the gates in the morning collecting any donations (suggest £1). Funds raised will be split evenly between CIN and BSA.

**\*\*Tombola Donations will be gratefully received on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December! More details on Facebook and on next week's newsletter\*\***

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