NEWSLETTER 19 – 3rd February 2017

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Education Sunday – Last Sunday a group of our children joined others from local schools to share fellowship with the Bishop of Coventry at St Laurence Church. Education Sunday celebrated the theme of 'God gives good gifts'. The choir sang, participated in a dramatised reading and gave prayers for those who suffer in the world. The children were magnificent – thank you to them and their parents for supporting us.

<u>Young Voices</u> - Our Performance Club children participated in a group choir event at the Genting Arena in Birmingham this week. They have been rehearsing since September resulting in an amazing performance. Thank you to Mrs Steward and Mrs Moore for all of their hard work and congratulations to our singers – you were fabulous!

South America 'Visit' – Children KS2 flew to South America on Thursday with the help of 'Google Expeditions'. This Virtual Reality technology enabled the children to walk through the Amazon rainforest exploring the settlements and the tree canopy. They also squeezed in a visit to Rio de Janeiro where they saw the Christ the Redeemer statue on the top of Corcovado Mountain and the Rio-Niterói Bridge which is more than 8 miles long.

<u>Attendance Audit</u> – We have had an audit this week of our Attendance records. The majority of our children achieve a good level of attendance but we would like to remind parents that the school day starts at 8.55am so it is important that children arrive at school in good time. As indicated in our Attendance Policy we may request medical evidence of sickness or for any medical appointments.

<u>**Request**</u> – We would be grateful for donations of old mittens that you no longer require. KS1 children will 'disassemble' them as part of their 'Mittens' DT project investigations

<u>Scarlett Fever</u> – We have had a case of scarlet fever in school this week which starts with a sore throat and then a rash develops. Please contact your doctor if you are concerned about your child.

<u>Named Clothing</u> – Please ensure all of your child's school clothing is named, we have a number of unnamed items in lost property.

<u>Clubs Update</u> – There is <u>NO</u> Cooking club on Thurs 9th Feb and <u>NO</u> Boys Football club on Thurs 9th & 16th Feb and 2nd March.

<u>Message from 'The Barn'</u> – Messy Church presents Joshua and the Battle of Jericho on 5th Feb 4-6pm.

Book of the Week – Children in Miss Butler's class are reading' The Midnight Gang' by Davis Walliams. Midnight is the time when all children are fast asleep, except of course for the Midnight Gang. That is when their adventures are just beginning....

<u>Mr A Simms</u>

The latest from Bidford School Association...

Monday night meeting...

Please join us for our first BSA meeting of the year! Monday, 6th February, 7-8pm at The Three Horseshoes (who have offered support to our school!).

Everyone is welcome. It will be a chance to hear any ideas you might have and help us plan our dates for the year. And just have a chat and catch up afterwards!

If you can't attend but would like to share an idea or two, you can contact us via the Facebook page: "Bidford School BSA". Or just grab one of us, or leave a note with the school office.

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