

NEWSLETTER 20 – 10th February 2017

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Mittens– All the children in KS1 are in the midst of a textile topic linked to their work on Polar environments. The children designed and made mittens suitable for a Polar expedition. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who gave up their time to help the children learn new skills.

Porridge Making – Children in Reception have been looking at the story of ‘Goldilocks and the 3 Bears’ and deciding whether Goldilocks should have said sorry to the bears. This week some of the children have been making porridge. Mrs Crothall made sure that it was not too hot or too cold – it was just right!

Athletics - After another years intensive training for Bidford’s elite, our Year 5 & 6 team won the Indoor Athletics Competition at Studley Leisure Centre. Athletics practice will continue after school on Wednesdays as we prepare for the regional finals.

School Site Safety

- **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 to park. Ward’s Lane car park by the fire station is the car park to use for this purpose. On **Tues 14th February** – do not use the drop off at all (morning or afternoon) as coaches will be arriving for a school trip.
- **Dogs** – Do **not** bring dogs (or any animals) on to the school grounds.

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

Clubs Update

- There will be **no** Boys football club on 16th February and 2nd March.
- Netball Club for Year 5 & 6 will restart Thursday 2nd March.

Dates for your Diary -

- Teacher Training Days (school closed to children) will be held on Fri 26th May & Mon 5th June.

Book of the Week – Pupils in Mr Thackway’s class have been reading ‘North’ by Nick Dowson. At the top of our world is a huge wild place called the Arctic. In the winter, it is a cold and barren land, where few animals can survive. But when spring comes, it brings with it animals from every corner of the earth. Grey whales, white cranes, wolves, and caribou begin their migrations as the snow melts, gradually making the long journey north.

Mr A Simms

An exciting year to come!

We had a very creative meeting on Monday, with lots of good ideas of things to try (and amazing snacks!).

We have set the dates for all our events so whilst we finalise those, here are the activities coming up this Spring and Summer terms:

- Kids disco (before Easter) – new and improved!
- Bags to School before Easter
- Cake sale for Red Nose Day, alongside a take-and-donate uniform sale
- A barn dance in May for parents
- Our traditional Summer Fair in July taking in some new and improved ideas

Fundraising this year will focus on supporting the school on those extra-curricular activities where funding is not available. We will be funding playtime equipment and new dictionaries immediately. We had a great Autumn term for fundraising so a huge thank you to each and every one of you for your support!

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