

NEWSLETTER 14 – 12th December 2014

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Cross Country – Children from KS2 took part in the annual cross country competition on Saturday. All children ran well and Bidford came 2nd overall - Well done to everyone. Thank you to parents for transport and support.

Umberslade Farm Visit – On Monday the Reception children visited Umberslade Farm where they took part in their very own nativity with real farmyard animals bringing the Christmas story to life. They were able to see and interact with the animals and had a visit from a very special gentleman dressed in red! Thank you to all our volunteers for coming with us.

Christmas Activities -

- Congratulations to Miss Stefanovic's class for winning the school Christmas tree competition and for coming second in the children's category at the St Lawrence Church Tree Festival.
- On Wednesday children in Years 1 to 6 celebrated Advent with our Christingle service led by Rev Ruth. All the children sang beautifully and have brought home their Christingle.
- Children in KS1 delivered wonderful performances (and a baby) telling the story of the First Christmas in "The Innkeeper's Breakfast". Thank you to all the staff and adults who supported the performance and well done to all the children.
- Children from the Reception classes told the story of the Nativity through a selection of seasonal songs (and a number of 'ad libs'!) Thank you to the BSA for providing refreshments.

Asthma Training – A key message from our annual training was that all children should have a spacer to use with their inhaler in school to ensure medication is taken properly. Please ensure your child's prescription is up to date.

Roll Wrap - Please collect wrap tubes for Reception to use in January to design and make chairs.

Admission Forms for September 2015 - To secure a school place for children born between 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2010 you need to apply online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions by 15th January 2014.

Diary Dates:

- Secondhand school uniform sale Monday 15th December 3.20pm in the hall.
- Christmas Lunch day is on Wednesday 17th December.
- The last posting date for Christmas cards in school will be Weds 17th Dec.
- Collective Worship – There is **NO** Celebration Collective Worship Fri 19th Dec.
- Torchlight Nativity Sat 20th December 3.30pm - Meet in St Joseph's Car Park from 3.00pm dressed as angels, shepherds, sheep, wise men, camels or even yourself. Our journey will end in St Laurence's Church with hot drinks, biscuits and mince pies. For more information contact Revd Ruth 772217
- Crib Service 4.00pm 24th Dec at St Laurence's - Come and sing carols and hear the story of Jesus' birth.

Book of the Week - Children in the Reception classes have been reading 'Jingle Bells' by Nick Butterworth. For two small mice, Lottie and Jack, Christmas Eve is overshadowed by one big problem... That Cat. How can they stop him from spoiling everything.....?

Mr A Simms

The latest from the BSA...



It's tonight!

Christmas Fayre 6pm – 9pm



Thank you for your incredibly generous donations.

We are so grateful for the support – we think it is going to be a lovely evening for children, parents and staff alike!

- * Enjoy our festive photo booth
- * Enjoy a tasty dinner and keep the children happy with a special kids' hot food bag
- * Make some beautiful decorations for the tree
- * Go crazy with icing and sprinkles, decorating gingerbread biscuits
- * Join in the treasure trail around the school
- * Buy some delicious cakes to eat there or take home
- * Buy some handmade gifts for your friends and family
- * Meet and greet Father Christmas
- * And lots more...

We hope to see you there!

- * ***If you still have raffle tickets, you can bring them with you***
- * ***We would also welcome any more helpers for the evening – even just an hour would be great, particularly towards the end.***

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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