## NEWSLETTER 16 - 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

<u>Sports Enrichment Days</u> – Children in years 1 to 6 have enjoyed sports enrichment days over the last few weeks. They have had the opportunity to take part in different activities including Karate, Circus Skills, Tennis and Dodgeball.

<u>Singtastic</u> – Pupils in Reception to Year 4 have started 'Singtastic' this week. It is a lively music programme involving choral singing led by a musician from Warwickshire Music.

<u>Education Sunday</u> – All parents and children are invited to Education Sunday on 29<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am at St Laurence Church. The service is being attended by ourselves and 3 other local schools. The Bishop of Coventry will be taking part in the service, please come along and support this community event.

<u>Homework</u> – Homework is most valuable when parents provide ongoing feedback to their children and support them with relevant questions when children are solving problems. This can include asking children about the characters and storyline of the book they are reading, what might happen next and why.

<u>Cold Weather</u> – Please send your child into school with a <u>named</u> coat, hat and gloves during this cold weather.

<u>Year 5 PGL</u> – The January instalment of £22 is now due. If you have not yet made payment please do so online on SIMS Agora or send into school (cheques made payable to Bidford Primary School) by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. The final instalment of £22 is due on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

<u>School Dinners</u> – The cost of school dinners is now £2.20. If you have not yet registered for online payments please contact the school office.

<u>Reception Sept 2017</u> – The deadline for applications for Reception 2017 is <u>MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JAN</u>. Apply for a school place for children born between 1st Sep 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2013 online at <u>www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions</u>.

<u>Violin Lessons</u> – There is currently space for pupils (Year 3- 6) to have violin lessons in school, termly cost is approximately £60. Please see the office for more details.

<u>Parents Evening</u> – This term's sessions with class teachers will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Appointment request letters will be sent home nearer the time. This meeting will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's current progress.

<u>Book of the Week</u> – Mrs Bent's class have been reading 'There's an Alligator under My Bed' by Mayer Mercer. What do you do when there is an alligator under your bed and your parents do not see it........?

## **Mr A Simms**

## The latest from Bidford School Association...

Our first BSA event of 2017 last week seemed to be a hit! We loved watching the panto with the kids and seeing them enjoying themselves. We hope to be able to bring the panto to school every other year as a special treat for the kids (and teaching staff!).

Our next meeting will be early in February where we will discuss our next two events — a disco for the kids, and one for the adults too!

Have a good weekend!

`The BSA Committee: Emily, Glenda, Laura and Sue Emily Lee – Chair (07989323997) Glenda Vassie – Vice-Chair (07928656855) Laura Simpson – Secretary (07712166158) Sue Woodward – Treasurer