

NEWSLETTER 17 – 20th January 2017

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Fossils – Children in Year 5 and 6 have been investigating the life and work of Mary Anning, the famous fossil hunter from the 19th Century. She lived in Lyme Regis and found and identified many pre-historic fossils from the time of the dinosaurs. She was the first person to uncover a full Ichthyosaurus skeleton and it is now on display in the Natural History Museum.

South America – Children in Year 3 and 4 have started their topic on South America. This week they have been looking at all the different countries that make up the Continent – do you know them all?!

House Sports – Each Thursday lunchtime we hold a House Sport session. This term children are playing netball and Saturn were the winners this week.

Education Sunday – All parents and children are invited to Education Sunday on 29th 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.

School Day - The school day starts at **8.55am** and not at 9am. The school gates open at 8.45am, please arrive on time. If you arrive late and the gates are shut, please escort your child into the school office to ensure they have entered securely.

Parking - Parking is *not permitted* in and around the drop off lay by. Please use the car park in Ward's Lane near the fire station when bringing/collecting your child from school and walk through the *pedestrian gate*. We have received complaints from our neighbours in St Laurence Way about parents blocking drives and parking on corners – please respect our neighbours and think about everyone's safety.

Headlice – Please check your child's hair regularly and treat as necessary. Please remember that most treatments require 2 applications 7 days apart.

Parents Evening – This term's sessions with class teachers will be held on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th Feb. Appointment request letters have been sent home today, please return the slips next week.

Book of the Week – The year 5 and 6 classes have been reading 'The Wreck of the Zanzibar' by Michael Morpurgo. Life on the Scilly Isles in 1907 is bleak and full of hardship. Laura's brother disappears and then a storm devastates everything. But then the Zanzibar is wrecked on the island's rocks, and everything changes . . .

Mr A Simms

The latest from Bidford School Association...

Kids! Parents! What things would you like to do with your school this year?

As we think about our BSA plans for the rest of this year, we could really do with some ideas from you all to help! We are planning a disco for the kids, a disco for the adults, and of course the summer fair. Are there other events you'd like us to consider? Are there things you would like to see at the discos or the fair? If you're new to the school, what would make your Spring and Summer really fun?

Use the form below to tell us, and pop it in your bookbag to return to the school office. Thank you!

The BSA Committee:
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Emily Lee – Chair (07989323997)

Glenda Vassie – Vice-Chair (07928656855)
Laura Simpson – Secretary (07712166158)
Sue Woodward – Treasurer

Dear BSA....

My name is.....

I'm a parent/carers or I'm a pupil (please delete)

I have an idea about (please give details):

Kids disco

Adults disco

Summer Fair

Other event