

## **NEWSLETTER 39 – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Primary Schools' Quiz** – Mrs Whiting took 4 of our Year 6 children to an interschool quiz on Friday. They did exceedingly well, coming first by 10½ points. Well done children!

**Year 6 Panto** – The Year 6 children entertained their parents and the children this week in a hilarious performance of 'Little Red Riding Hood' by Roald Dahl. It was a fabulous show - well done to all the cast and their supporters. A big thank you to Miss Eyles, Mrs Moore and Mrs Sussens for their excellent direction!

**Talent Show** - On Thursday our children showed that 'Bidford has got Talent'. We enjoyed a range of music, dance and comedy and even the staff wowed the children with a performance of their own!

**Leavers Service** – Today we said good luck and farewell to Year 6 at our Leaver's Assembly, Mr Fountain our Chair of Governors and Mrs Meehan from St Laurence Church presented the children with their leaving gifts. Thank you to the BSA for making the Year Books. Well done to the following Year 5 children who were presented with our annual awards:

Luke O'Brien – *Sports Cup* Kaitlyn Blake - *Fellowship Cup* Georgia Cutting – *Reading Cup*

Ieuan George, Archie Herdman, Josh Matthews,

Romeo Lozinski & Jim Lillington (Science Garden Team) - *Science Cup*

Ashton Wilkes – *Drama Cup* Eve Chaundy - '*Jo Walker Memorial Cup*'

Emily Crowcroft – *Governors KS1 Progress Cup* Danielle Nolan – *Governors KS2 Progress Cup*

We also said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Steward who is retiring and to Miss Kavanagh who is leaving us today to move on to a new school.

**Sad News** - It is with regret that we have to let you know that Rebecca Sayce, one of our long standing volunteers, sadly passed away last week. Our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time.

**School Survey** - Thank you to all of the parents who returned the school survey that we recently sent out. Overall 95% of respondents are happy with their child's experience at school and we are looking at ways we can further improve the way we communicate information about your child's progress and respond to your suggestions.

### **Reminders:**

- **School Meals** – The price of a school meal in September will increase to £2.25 per day for children in KS2. Families of children entitled to income dependent free school meals should still register so that we can claim Pupil Premium of up to £1390 per child to help support your child's learning. Please go to [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) to apply or contact us in confidence for further information.
- The **Summer Reading Challenge** has now started in Bidford Community Library. Children will receive a medal and certificate if they read 6 books over the summer period.

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**Bike Right** - During the six weeks holidays BikeRight! will be running Learn to Ride classes and Level 1 Bikeability classes at Stratford upon Avon School (24, 25 and 26 July) and Warwick Racecourse (23, 24 and 25th August. To book please call 0121 200 2266 or book via their website at: [www.bikeright.co.uk/warwickshire/holiday\\_courses](http://www.bikeright.co.uk/warwickshire/holiday_courses).

**Arden Foodbank** – The Arden Foodbank will be open during the summer holidays to help support parents that might be struggling to provide food for their families. Letters are available from Bidford Community Library with further information.

**Dates for your Diary:**

- St Laurence Party Church will be held on Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 10- 11.30am – Refreshments, Crafts & Bible Stories on the theme of "The Wise and Foolish Builders". There is no charge and all are welcomed.
- Teacher Training Day – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017.

**Book of the Week** - Children in Reception have been reading 'Leaving Mrs Ellis' by Catherine Robinson. It's the end of the school year, and Leo will no longer be taught by the kind Mrs Ellis. He is wary of Miss Lyons, who is to be his new teacher, but over the summer he finds out that she's not as he feared. When school starts again, Leo is boldly leading his friends into their new classroom.

The staff and I wish you all a fantastic summer holiday and look forward to seeing you on **MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**.

**Mr A Simms**