

NEWSLETTER 16 – 12th January 2018

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Happy New Year and welcome to the new term.

Young Voices - Our Young Voices Club children participated in a group choir event at the Genting Arena in Birmingham this week. They have been rehearsing since September resulting in an amazing performance. Thank you to Mrs Roberts and Mrs Moore for all of their hard work and congratulations to our singers – you were fabulous!

School Admissions for Sept 2018 - To secure a school place for children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 you need to apply online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions by 15th January 2018.

Term Time Holiday Information from the Attendance Compliance Enforcement Service - The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who are absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for. It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent. *Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.* Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s). Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority. This information is available on our school website.

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

Homework – Please encourage your child to complete homework and return to school at the set time.

Clubs Update:

- French Club, Artbase (Fees Payable), KS2 Girls Football, Year 5 & 6 Boys Football will start w/c 15th Jan.
- Year 3 & 4 Tchouckball and Year 4, 5 & 6 Tag Rugby will be starting on Thurs 18th Jan – letters will be available from the office.

Rural Cinema - The film showing this week is for all the family: THE LEGO NINJAGO MOVIE – Fri 12th Jan @ 7.00 pm at the Crawford Memorial Hall. Ticket Office opens at 6.30 pm.

Book of the Week – Children in Mrs Bent's class have been reading 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. One night Max puts on his wolf suit and makes mischief, so his mother calls him 'Wild Thing'. That night a forest begins to grow in Max's room and an ocean rushes by with a boat to take Max to the place where the wild things are. The class have been reading their stories in the dark in the shed outside to make it more exciting!

Mr A Simms

The latest from Bidford School Association...

We will be having our first meeting of the year in early February where we will plan out our events for the rest of this school year.

We would love to hear from you if you have any ideas you would like to share!

Happy New Year from all of us in the BSA!

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