

NEWSLETTER 17– 18th January 2018

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Ogden Trust Science – Some of our Reception Children attended a Science Fayre on Tuesday morning at Tardebigge First School. Pupils took part in several hands on science activities including using playdough to create a planet buddy and making star constellations using marshmallows and tooth picks. They also made moon craters by dropping different sized balls into trays of flour. Thank you to parents for transporting the children.

School Safety – Please do not park on the grassed area in front of school and on the double yellow lines. Parking is becoming increasingly congested and I am extremely concerned about the safety of the children and other pedestrians. There is plenty of car parking space available only a short walk away in the car park by the Fire Station.

Term Time Holiday Information from the Warwickshire Attendance 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.

Dates for your Diary:

- *Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings* will be held on Tues 5th Feb 6-8.30pm and Thurs 7th Feb 4-6.30pm. Please see separate appointment letter.
- There will be a *Teacher Training Day* on Fri 24th May.

Book of the Week – Children in Mrs Ellwood's class have been reading 'Elmer in the Snow' by David McKee. At the first hint of a chill in the air, Elmer's friends start complaining about the cold, so Elmer decides to show them what cold weather is really like. They set off for a walk up a mountain, and the higher they get, the colder it gets.....

Mr A Simms

The latest from Bidford School Association...

Reminder!

If you have any good condition uniform that you want to donate for the second hand uniform sale, please bring into the office for us to sort.

****Date of sale to be announced soon****

Join us at our planning meeting on Thursday 24th January, 7pm at The Frog in Bidford. All Welcome!

If you would like to be a part of the BSA but cannot make this meeting please let the office know your name and we will be in touch!

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Glenda, Milly and Sue***

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