

NEWSLETTER 18 – 25th January 2018

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Young Voices - After a final rehearsal in front of the whole school, our Young Voices 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 with lots of other schools. Thank you to Miss Eyles, Mrs Moore and Mrs van Zyl for all of their hard work and congratulations to our singers – you were fabulous!

School Safety – I would like to ask parents once again not to park on the grassed area in front of school and on the double yellow lines. As I have explained on numerous occasions, I am concerned about the safety of the children and other pedestrians. We will be installing a number of bollards and safety barriers over the next few weeks to help alleviate the problem. There is plenty of car parking space available only a short walk away in the car park by the Fire Station.

Activity Passport – The DfE have launched a free resource for families to use to help enrich children's learning experiences and skills. It is backed by a number of organisations including the Scouts, Girlguiding and the National Trust. With a checklist of activities to do both indoors and out for each year group, this activity passport is a great way to encourage family time and build character and resilience. Please download from <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/tp-dfe-001-dfe-my-activity-passport>.

EYFS Activity Area – A number of parents have asked when the new EYFS activity area will be available for the children to use. We have had a number of issues with the installation and Health & Safety that still have to be remedied. We hope to have it completed by Easter.

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 Flavell's class have been reading 'One Winter's Day' by Christina Butler. When Little Hedgehog's nest is blown away in a terrible storm he wraps up warmly and sets off for Badger's house. On his way Hedgehog meets lots of animals shivering in the wind and snow. One by one, he gives them his cosy mittens, hat and scarf. But will Little Hedgehog make it through the storm to safety?

Mr A Simms

The latest from Bidford School Association...

Thank you to all that attended our first planning meeting of 2019 last night – lots of idea's shared and dates confirmed which is great!

The Second Hand Uniform Sale will be next **Friday 1st February** after school, outside the office

We will be collecting Bags 2 School the first week after half term, so start sorting those drawers!

Last term alone the BSA raised over **£3000** meaning we have several more areas we can assist our school in.

Thank you for all your support!

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Glenda, Milly, Katie and Sue***

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