

NEWSLETTER 18 – 27th January 2017

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Pottery - Children in Year 5 and 6 have been making clay pots this week as part of their topic on South America. They used the coil technique to create the pots and then engraved designs inspired by Pre-Columbian pottery.

E-Safety – Concerns have been raised about children being contacted inappropriately and sent inappropriate material using a site called **musical.ly**. Any social networking site has potential for good and bad so the privacy settings and behaviour of the user are very important. Parents should monitor all social media and talk to their children about safe use. The 'Internet Matters' website has videos promoting safe use and highlight how children can keep themselves safe when online and using apps.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-guide/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/musical-ly-app-parents-need-know/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GsNCdufeWQ&t=21s>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/e-safety-checklist-getting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe/>

If you suspect that anyone is attempting to befriend or groom a child you must contact the police or report abuse to CEOP via <https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-Report/>.

Medication – Please do not send any medication into school with your child. Any medical arrangements need to be made through the office.

Clubs Update – Boys Football and Cooking club is not on Thurs 9th Feb due to parents evening. Tchoukball club are still on.

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.

Drugs Awareness Evening – Parents of Year 5 & 6 children are invited to a Drugs Awareness Evening on Weds 15th March 6-7.30pm at Stratford-upon-Avon School. Spaces will be allocated to those who RSVP to pcso@stratfordschool.co.uk on a first come first served basis.

Book of the Week – Children in Mrs Roberts class have been reading 'Little Foxes' by Michael Morpurgo. Ten year old Billy loves spending time in the wilderness by the canal. There he watches a cygnet on the water and protects a family of fox cubs. Then his secret place is discovered and the fox family decimated. Unwanted and unloved, Billy and the last fox run for their lives . . .

Mr A Simms

The latest from Bidford School Association...

Pencil it in - the first BSA meeting of the year is planned for Monday 6th February, 7-8pm at The Three Horseshoes (who have offered support to our school!).

Everyone is welcome. It will be a chance to hear any ideas you might have and help us plan our dates for the year.

Thank you to those who provided us with ideas last week! If you didn't get a chance, you can contact us via the Facebook page: "Bidford School BSA".

Lastly, we would like to thank Mrs Walsh's class for their beautifully written thank you notes. We were delighted you enjoyed the pantomime!

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