

NEWSLETTER 38– 13th July 2018

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

Message from our Governors – Another busy year is coming to an end. The Governors have met throughout the Year to discuss and review school performance. Overall our school continues to perform well, maintaining our position of being at or above national average for most subjects. Particular emphasis has been placed on reading and maths, with interventions to ensure improved progress. Our children and staff will continue to build upon this good work. We have highlighted areas for improvement which the school continues to target in order that all children fulfil their full potential. We would also like to thank the Perkins Educational Trust for awarding a grant towards our new Reception activity area and to the Parish Council for providing a popular bike rack. Thanks to the BSA for the great family events raising money for our school and to all the parents who have supported our school at home with reading and homework, for attending events and providing transport. – your help is really appreciated. All members of the Governing Body hope you have a great summer.

South Warks Primary School Athletics – Last Thursday, Miss Drissell took the finalists of the Arden Area athletics competition to Stratford School. All of the children performed well with first place in Y6 boys Howler throw, 2nd in Y6 Girls Howler Throw, Hurdles, Long Distance and Long Jump and Y6 & Y3 boys Sprint, 2nd in Y5 Girls Sprint, Hurdles and Howler and Y5 boys Howler Throw.

Bell Boating – Children in Year 3 and 4 spent a day Bell Boating on the River Avon this week. They paddled along the river navigating their way through the locks. The children enjoyed a picnic lunch on the Meadow and took part in games and races during the afternoon. The activity is a great lesson in teamwork, problem solving and developing confidence. Thank you to our volunteers - everyone thoroughly enjoyed it!

Music - Year 2 pupils wowed parents with their Ocarina recital on Tuesday morning, they have been having lessons in school for the past year.

Staff Changes – In September we will be welcoming Mrs Flavell, Miss Poulton, Miss Powell and Mrs Jones to our teaching team. Children will meet their new class teacher on Thursday morning next week. The classes will be :

Mrs Ellwood – Reception Mrs Bond & Mrs Flavell - Reception Miss Poulton – Year 1 Mrs Hudson – Year 1/2
Mrs Walsh – Year 2 Miss Butler – Year 3 Miss Powell – Year 3/4 Miss Drissell - Year 4
Mr Thackway – Year 5 Miss Eyles - Year 5/6 Mrs Mills – Year 6

'Roblox' Online Game – We have been notified that children playing the online game Roblox have access to open chat lines and are invited to talk to strangers on the internet. Be aware that the parental controls may not restrict access to open forums.

Reminders & Updates:

- **Change of PE days** – Mrs Mills class will be on Weds 18th July not Tues 17th; Mr Thackway & Miss Butler will be on Tues 17th July not Wed 18th
- **Home Reading Books** – Please check at home for any home reading and bring them back into school on Monday.
- All **outstanding payments** for dinners, music, swimming etc should be handed in by Tues 17th July.
- Please return all school Football and Netball **team kits** to Mrs Connolly next week.
- There will be no **Forest School** for Year 1 children next week.
- There is no Celebration Collective Worship on Fri 20th July.

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- **School Meals** – The price of a school meal in September will increase to £2.30 per day for children in KS2.
- **PE Kit** - Please remember our school PE kit is - jogging bottoms (**plain** back jersey), royal blue shorts, white shirts (with or without school logo), **black** trainers and optional hoodie with school logo available from the Evesham Sports Shop. Please ensure you child has the correct kit from next term.
- 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, please visit the library to register your interest.

Clubs Update – Rounders Club, App Club and Girls Netball, Cricket, Country Dancing, Ultimate Frisbee and VX Club have now finished. French, Artbase, Girls Football and Boys football will finish next week.

Dates for your Diary

- Year 6 Leavers Panto will be held on Tues 17th July at 2pm & Leavers Service is on Fri 20th July at 9.30am.
- Teacher Training Day will be held on Mon 3rd Sept. The term will start on Tues 4th for children.
- Bidford Gardening Society invite children to make a veggie monster for their annual show on Sat 8th Sept at the Crawford Hall. Take your monsters along between 11am and 12.30pm. Prizes will be awarded at 2.30pm. Phone John or Paul on 01789 491148/773565 for more details.

Book of the Week – Children in Mr Thackway's class have been reading 'Nim's Island' by Wendy Orr. Nim lives on a beautiful island in the middle sea with her father. But when he disappears and disaster threatens her home, Nim must be braver than she's ever been before.....

Mr A Simms

The latest from Bidford School Association...

Mad Hatter's Tea-Party Themed

Summer Fair Tonight! Friday, 13th July 6-8pm

Join the parade!!!

We would like to invite all the children to wear their crazy hat and meet outside the field gates, ready to start the opening parade at 6pm! Parents please follow along and join us for a fun opening to the fair.

Thank you for all your support with raffle tickets, cakes and tombola donations!

And to all our volunteers – we'd be nothing without you!

The weather looks changeable so watch closely and be ready either with a picnic blanket or with an umbrella!

Have a great time xxx

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