

## **NEWSLETTER 6 – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Reception** – Children in Reception have been talking about the importance of being kind to each other and sharing the things that they have. They have used the story of the ‘The Rainbow Fish’ to illustrate how sharing and giving makes us happy. The children have all enjoyed making their own collage rainbow fish.

**House Captains** – This week we held our House Captain elections. All the candidates gave a campaign speech to their house virtually via Teams and now that all the votes have been counted we can congratulate:

*Mars* – Katy, Harrison & Reuben    *Jupiter* – Sophia & Lucas    *Neptune* – Savannah & Jamie    *Saturn* – Darcy & Logan  
Well done to all of the candidates for standing in the election and for working so hard on their speeches.

**First Day at School Photographs** – The Reception children had their class photographs taken in September by the Stratford Herald and can be seen in the ‘First Day at School’ supplement in this week’s edition.

**Harvest** – As we are unable to hold our traditional Harvest Festival this year we would like to collect donations for Stratford Food Bank, who have helped to support a lot of our families throughout the year and especially during the lockdown. The Food Bank is particularly short of tinned meat meals such as minced beef, hot dogs, curry, chilli, chicken in sauce, tinned pies- both meat and vegetarian. We usually send any money we collect to Water Aid so alternatively a cash donation can be made. Please send your child to school with your donation – either tinned, packet or cash on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. All donations will be gratefully received.

**Covid-19 Awareness** – I would like to remind parents that only one adult should come to school to drop off or collect children. In the mornings, please do not leave until you have seen that your child has entered school.

The times to arrive at school are:            **Reception Ellwood** - 8.45am    **Reception Roberts** - 9.00am

**Key Stage 1** doors open 8.55am and close 9.00am    &    **Key Stage 2** doors open 8.45am and close 8.50am

If you are late (KS2) and the hall doors/gate are closed please wait in the waiting area until we are able to let you in to the hall after KS1 have entered. Anyone arriving after 9am should report to the office. Face coverings should be worn at all times on school premises. These measures are to ensure social distancing and keep us all safe.

**Secondary School Applications** - The deadline for secondary school applications is **Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Oct**. Online applications should be made at <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool>.

### **Dates for your Diary**

- **School Open Evenings** for prospective parents for Reception 2021 will be on Tues 13<sup>th</sup> and Weds 14<sup>th</sup>, Tues 20<sup>th</sup> and Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Please phone school on 01789 773201 to book an appointment. To register your child to start in September please go to <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions> . The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021.
- **Parents Evenings** are being held by telephone on Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 10 minute appointments are available to book online on SIMS Pay.
- **School Photographs** – Orders should be sent to school by Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Oct or they can be made online direct with Tempest (see order form for details).
- **Teacher Training Day** (school closed to children) on Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct.
- **Flu Immunisations** - will take place on Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. Consent information will be emailed nearer the time.

**Book of the Week** – Children in Mrs Hudson’s & Mrs Flavell’s class have enjoyed ‘Cave Baby’ by Julia Donaldson. A hairy mammoth takes a baby on a thrilling ride through a moonlit landscape..... But where are they going?

**Mr A Simms**

*The latest from Bidford School Association...*

*Join in with the BSA's  
Halloween Trail!!*



*Do you want to have a letter in your window or on a pumpkin outside your house? Let us know if you do so we can add you to the map! Deadline to take part is midday Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.*

*We will be selling maps and treat bags outside school from 19<sup>th</sup> October ready for you to do the trail and find out the phrase we have spelled out! Treat bags are ready for when you have finished- a safe alternative to trick or treating this year!!*

**\*\*Do you want to help fundraise for our school and be part of the BSA? please get in touch if you do we would love to see some new faces!!\*\***

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***The core BSA Committee:  
Katie, Milly, Carrie-Anne,  
Tabitha and Vickie***

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