Bamford Primary School

Newsletter 2 – October 2014

**Staffing News**

We’d like to welcome our new School Business Manager, Sue Firth, who will be working Monday – Wednesday in the School office. Emma Bennett continues to work Thursday and Friday.

**What is your child learning?**

Feedback from pupils on this term’s topic has been very positive and we would like to thank all those parents and friends of the school who contributed to its success by sharing their skills or interests, accompanying visits or sending resources. Our sculpture week was particularly enjoyable and we are just waiting for our permanent willow sculpture to be fixed in place for all to see.

After half term our whole school topic will be VIPs. Oak Class will be learning about People Who Help Us, Beech Class will be learning about Kings and Queens, Ash Class will be learning about Explorers and Willow Class will be learning about ‘Scientists and Government.’ If you are a VIP (or know one!!) who might be willing to come into school to enrich our learning, please let your child’s class teacher know. Once again, it will be a very busy term with lots of Christmas activities planned. See dates on our website.

**Fundraising**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us to raise money through the sponsored walk. The children were keen to walk, despite the very wet weather and learned more about the Bamford Touchstone sculptures. So far, nearly £600 has been sent in. What an amazing effort! Please send any remaining contributions as soon as possible so we can get the final total and decide how it will be spent. We will let everyone know.

The PTFA have also been busy, and this term contributed towards the cost of the sculptor who worked with the children in school and also purchased 10 brand new laptops to replace some that have seen better days in classrooms. In all we have received over £3000 this term so the children have really benefitted. Our thanks go to everyone who gives up their time and works so hard for the school through the PTFA. Pictures will soon be placed on the website. The Halloween Disco was a roaring, if scarey event and was well attended. Christmas Cards – thank you to everyone who ordered cards designed by their children. The estimated delivery date is around the 29th October so we should see the designs in print soon after half term.

**Sporting Success**

Four of our pupils were placed in the top 12 boys or girls in the recent Hope Valley Cross Country event. They were invited to participate in the annual SSP Cross Country Championships last weekend and those who attended represented the school really well.

We have been awarded the Sainsbury’s Bronze School Games Mark in recognition of the range of sporting opportunities which take place for our pupils.

**After School Clubs**

These opportunities are increasing! The Dance Club (Monday), Multisports (Tuesday) and Dodgeball (Friday) are all well attended and the children are enjoying their activities. To complement these sporting activities, we are very pleased to announce the beginning of a Drama Club and (hopefully) a Spanish Club. These clubs will run on the same night (Wednesday). The first half term we will invite KS1 to Drama and KS2 to Spanish. More info on the Spanish Club to follow soon! If you have any skills, or know anyone who would be interested in running a club on Thursdays, please contact Mrs Gemmell. All clubs are run on site 3.30 to 4.30. Can we remind parents to collect promptly at 4.30.

**Music Lessons**

Our new peripatetic guitar teacher, Sam Genders visited school today to talk about learning the guitar. If any pupils are interested in lessons, please contact Sue Firth in the School office for further information and costs.

**Poppy Appeal**

Poppies and various small items will be for sale from the school office for £1 after half term and outside after school on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 November. These include badges, wristbands, pencils, rubbers etc. Stickers and paper poppies are also available for a donation as usual.

**Dates for your diary**

27-31 HALF TERM

November

3 INSET School Closed

5 Hagg Farm Visit – Small Group

11 WW1 Song Festival Bradwell - Ash Class

21 Non - Uniform (bring a contribution for the Fayre)

29 PTFA Christmas Fayre

December

4   Dance Platform HVC

     Pantomime Visit to school

9  Christmas Concert 2pm and 6.30pm in the Village Church

10 Christmas Lunch

15 Classes Oak & Beech Party (1.30 – 3.15)

16 Classes Willow & Ash Party (1.15 – 3.15)

19 Christmas Service 1.45

     Last Day of term

20-5 Jan CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

January

5  INSET School Closed

6  Term Starts