# **NEWSLETTER 20 – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

<u>Arabian Nights Performance</u> – On Tuesday Mrs Whiting took a group of Year 6 pupils to see a performance of Arabian Nights at Alcester Grammar School. The production was a colourful mix of drama, song and dance. It was a great insight into the many tales of Arabia.

Antarctic Explorer Days – As part of their Antarctic topic children in years 1 and 2 retraced the steps of Sir Robert Falcon Scott and his party with a virtual trip to the South Pole! Children took part in team building exercises, made maps, recorded weather data and learnt how to use a compass. KS1 parents are invited to our special presentation on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm.

<u>Booktime</u> – Sheridan Hunt from Warwickshire Libraries came to talk to Reception and KS1 children about the 'Booktime' story and activity session to be held in Bidford Library. The session is free and will be between 10.30 and 12.00 on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

<u>Class Visits</u> – You are invited to come in next week so that your child can show you the work that they have been doing this term. This is not a meeting with teachers but an opportunity for you to look at the progress your child has made and to discuss their targets with them. Please collect your child as normal and come into the class when all the children have been dismissed. Reception /KS1 on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and KS2 on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

<u>Y3 Swimming</u> – Year 3 children will have an additional swimming session on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to cover the missed lesson on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Get Into It Scheme</u> – Funding is available this term to subsidise the cost of out of school activities for children that are registered for <u>free school meals</u>. The scheme could support the cost of your children taking part in up to 2 hours of activity per week, before and after school and during the school holidays. For more information please call in at the office.

<u>Reminders</u> - Teacher Training Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

Half Term Holiday – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Clubs – Girls Football recommences on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Performance Club - this year's production 'Olivia!' will be held on Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> at

1.30 and 7.00pm - details to follow.

**Book of The Week** - Mrs Furlow's class have been reading Jack Stalwart: The Quest for Aztec Gold by Elizabeth Singer Hunt. An ancient stone with the location of Aztec treasure has been stolen. Can Secret Agent Jack Stalwart track the thieves and stop them before they plunder again?

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Wednesday (16<sup>th</sup>) from 8.30-9am. Any clean adults or children's clothes, bedding, soft toys, \* Wednesday (16th) from 8.30-9am. Any clean adults or children's clothes, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags are needed. NO BRIC A BRAC PLEASE. You can use any black bags, as well as the blue ones provided. Thankyou.

## Children's Valentine Disco - Thursday 17th February

If you haven't managed to buy your disco tickets this week, don't worry as tickets will be available on the door priced £2.50 each.

> Reception and Key Stage 1 - 6-7.15pm. Parents of Reception children are welcome to stay. Key Stage 2 - 7.30-8.45pm.

### **Invitation Books**

You will find an Invitation Book in your child's book bag tonight. The Invitation Book is an annual discount voucher and savings directory bursting with amazing offers for restaurant, leisure and entertainment outlets. It could save you hundreds of pounds on going out in your local area as well as fantastic days out if you travel further afield. After even only a couple of uses this book can pay for itself. Half term is a great time to start making your savings! The books cost £22.99, and each sale earns the school £4.00. Please either return your payment or the book back to the teacher/office by Thursday 17th February. Further books are available to purchase if you require more.

### **Dates for your diary**

Tuesday 15th / Wednesday 16th February- Bags2School collection. Thurs 17th February-Children's Valentine Disco Friday 18th March-Ladies Night! Saturday 9th April- Kids on the Catwalk.

Next BSA meeting- Tues 12th April, 2pm in school and 7.30pm in ICT suite.

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