## **NEWSLETTER 17 – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

<u>Video Conferencing</u> - This week Mr Thackway attended a presentation on video conferencing opportunities which will enable children to take part in live safe video links within school, Warwickshire and the global community. Pupils can take part in question and answer sessions with experts, discuss current topics and share knowledge with children in other schools from around the world.

<u>Stargazing Live</u> - As a prelude to this evening's Stargazing Live event, our children today enjoyed an interactive presentation from Dr Johanna Jarvis about our Solar System. It was a great introduction the world of astronomy. Please join us this evening at 6.30 to learn more about what we can see in the night sky.

<u>School Attendance</u> – We continually monitor the attendance of all children in school as it is a key factor in ensuring they make good academic progress. I am sending home your child's attendance record for the autumn term for your information.

<u>Parents Evening</u> – This term's parents evenings will be held on Tues 13<sup>th</sup> March 6pm-8.30pm and Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> March 4.30pm-7pm. An appointment letter will be sent out nearer the time.

<u>Teacher Training Days</u> - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June will be teacher training days. All school holiday dates are available on our school website <u>www.bidfordonavon.sch.uk</u> on the 'News and Diary' page.

<u>Sewing</u> – We are looking for volunteers to assist the WI ladies who sew with the children on a Tuesday afternoon. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

#### Reminders -

- Further to your letter from the Health Authority children in Y6 and Reception will be having weight and height checks next week.
- Please do not send your child into school with sweets, cakes etc to give to other children. Unfortunately because
  of allergies we are unable to give them out.

<u>Puffin Book Club</u> –Our school receives a commission of 50% of all the orders placed and over the last few months we have been able to buy lots of new books – Thank you! Orders can now also be placed on line on <u>www.puffinbookclub.co.uk</u> or you can use the order form at the back of the booklet that came home recently. The deadline for all orders is 25<sup>th</sup> January

<u>Performance Club</u> – "Pirates of the Curry Bean" will be performed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.30pm.

<u>Book of the Week</u> – Mr Thackway's class have really been enjoying reading 'Gangsta Granny' by David Walliams. Ben is not happy about staying with the most boring grandma ever but he does not know that his grandma was once an international jewel thief and that she has been plotting to steal the crown jewels.............

### Mr A Simms

# BSA Newsletter -Friday 20th January 2012

## BBC Stargazing Evening - TONIGHT!!!

Looking forward to seeing you all tonight at the observing astronomy introduction. The event runs from 6.30-7.30pm with a tuck shop for some snacks, tea and coffee also.

## Clothing Collection 25th & 26th January

Once again we are going to be collecting your unwanted clothes, towels, curtains and linen. Feel free to mention this to your friends and family – they can also donate and the more we have the more we get for it. Please bring all of this to school hall in whichever bags you have (trying to be eco friendly again!) on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January AFTERNOON and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January MORNING.

### **Upcoming Events**

Valentines Disco - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012 Tea Towel Artwork - February 2012 Easter Creations - March 2012

The next BSA meeting is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7.30pm in the ICT suite at school please come along for a glass of wine and some nibbles!

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