

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## NEWSLETTER 19 – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Stargazing** – Last week we welcomed Robin, Dave and Kevin from the Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group for our stargazing evening. We braved the bitterly cold weather to observe the moon and Jupiter - with the spot clearly visible! It was another fantastic evening - our next date will be 19th March – look out for more information. If you want to do some amateur observing yourself, try mid February when an asteroid 45m in diameter and weighing around 130000 metric tons will pass close to the Earth on the night of 15/16th February 2013. For further details visit their website: <http://www.cnaag.com/>.

**St John's Museum** – All KS2 children have visited St John's Museum as part of their Anglo Saxon topic. We discovered why the Anglo Saxons came to our country and where they came from. We also designed our own broaches, wrote runes with a goose feather quill, and played an interesting game of 'Rot or Not'! Thank you to all our wonderful helpers and governors for supporting our trips.

**Fire Safety Talk** – On Thursday Warwickshire Fire Service came to talk to children in year 1 and 5 about fire safety in the home and how to keep ourselves safe.

**Antarctic Explorers** – As part of our Antarctic Project in school, we have signed up to the current expedition led by Sir Ranulph Fiennes. You can follow the team blog at the web address below and find out more about this amazing two-year project - <http://www.thecoldestjourney.org/home/blog/>

**Taking Care** – This half term all pupils have taken part in the protective behaviours PSHE programme. This is a practical and down to earth approach to personal safety which aims to build self-esteem, confidence and assertiveness relating to feeling and being safe.

### Diary Dates –

- There is a Family Service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 10am – all welcome.
- Sale of second hand school uniform in the hall after school on Monday 4th February.
- Parents evenings will be held on Tues 12<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> March
- The school will be closed for Teacher Training Days on Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May and Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

### Clubs Update

- There will be no Netball Club on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb will be for Y5 only. The club will start again for both Y5 & Y6 on 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- If your child is not attending their after school club please let the office know.

**Book of the Week** – Mrs Furlow's class have started reading 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd. Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye but when it landed, where was Salim? How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air?

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## BSA Newsletter –Friday 1st February 2013

### Valentines Disco - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Tickets on Sale NEXT WEEK 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> February, before and after school.  
If you can't get to us for a ticket then give us a call and we can save them  
for you.

Are you available to help us sell tickets or help on the evening, if you  
would like to get involved (we always like to see new faces) please get in  
touch.

### Ladies Night - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

We already have some confirmed stallholders so if you know anyone who  
would like to have a stall at the event, get them to get in touch with us as  
the Tables are Limited, ask them to get in quick.

### Bounce for St George – Sponsored Bounce - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Sponsor forms will go out into book bags as always, remember for us to  
gain as much money as possible to tick the gift aid box on the form.

Do you want to Win a Tobogganing Voucher – see additional BSA Form..

Also coming later in the year

Quiz Night in May

Snail Racing – to be confirmed

and a Silly Hats Day – it's Ascot don't you know!

Next Meeting is Weds 13 February 8pm in The Frog in Bidford

Please come along and have a drink

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