

## Friends of Broad Chalke School News

### **D.I.S.C.O..... 'DISCO'!** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February: KS1 5:00-5:45pm, KS2 6:00-7:00pm

We are halfway through the academic year, and thought the children would love to have some mid-winter fun! Hair down, dancing shoes on, disco lights and DJ set.... the online booking will open shortly, so please keep your eyes peeled for this to appear on **ParentPay** if your child/ren would like to join in. **The cost will be £5 per pupil, inclusive of drinks and a snack.** To make the magic happen, we will also need to kindly ask for parental support with volunteer helpers on the night.... It's always A LOT of fun.... complete with 'take me back to the time when' memories! An electronic volunteer sign up will also be distributed next week via Claslist and your class reps.

*\* Payment is not expected from parents in receipt of Pupil Premium but it is still necessary for you to give consent for your child via ParentPay.*

### **A 'Starry, Starry Night'** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February: 6:15pm-8:20pm @ Chalke Valley Sports Centre

Now this is one we are excited about! By request, we present to you a Stargazing Evening, welcoming astronomers from the 'Chasing Stars' Cranborne Chase Team, who will educate the Broad Chalke community on our beautiful International Dark Sky Reserve and all its viewable astronomical activity. Spaces are limited and prebooking will be essential. Having already taken email interest from the wider community it looks set to be popular! **Tickets will be £8ppn, or £30 for a family of 4, which is inclusive of hot dogs and drinks. Booking will go live over the weekend via Claslist** so do look out for this if you're interested in joining....

Children are very welcome and encouraged to share in taking-in the wonders of the night sky, however, please do be aware of the following site guidance regarding the Team's fragile scopes and equipment. Children need to, confidently, be of a suitable maturity to be able to adhere to this at All times, and we therefore recommend that this is probably one for KS2 and beyond....

- *Observing Areas are necessarily dark & pitch-black – significant care must be taken when moving around outside*
- *Optics must Never be touched or breathed on – one breath will cause an optic to fog up instantly, meaning the end of somebody's observing experience for an evening (and others)! This also goes for touching any optical surface in any way.*
- *Scopes are hugely expensive and 'quirky', with great care needed not to touch or adjust*

Fingers crossed for a crystal-clear night but wrap up warm as it will be C.O.L.D!!!

*\*\*In the event of adverse weather, the date will be rescheduled.*

### **iPads Funding Update....**

We are Sooooooo tantalisingly close to reaching our £6115.84 target!!! After our bumper Christmas fundraisers and the release of a small amount of reserved funds that are no longer currently required for the foreseeable short-term future, we are just £200 short of the target total! We've almost got this!!!

*And at the end of that positivity..... even the days are getting lighter.... Have a wonderful weekend All*