



Wednesday 17th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 Star gazing evening – Wednesday 14th November 2018

“For my part, I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream.”
Vincent Van Gogh

In keeping with our topic for the autumn term, ‘Earth, Space and Beyond’, we would like to invite you and your child to a stargazing evening at Hook Junior School on **Wednesday 14th November, 6.00pm – 7:15pm**. During the session, we will be joined by the Director of the Basingstoke Astronomical Society, Dave Shave-Wall, who will be teaching the children about different constellations and other fascinating sights in our galaxy. There will be the opportunity to observe these sights through the use of telescopes and our aim is for the children to learn more about our solar system in a practical and experiential setting.

This stargazing session is, however, weather dependent. According to the astronomy calendar, 14th of November is the best chance for the children to see these sights of interest, so we hope the clouds will stay away for the evening! If the weather is not suitable for stargazing by telescope, Basingstoke Astronomical Society will lead a presentation about different constellations and the many wonderful sights that can be found in the night sky.

Please arrive approximately 5-10 minutes prior to the session start time and enter the school playground via the main gate where you will be able to sign in. If the conditions are appropriate, the stargazing will be taking place outside so please dress appropriately for the autumnal weather.

Attendance is optional to this event, however we hope the children will be able to join us for what will hopefully be a fascinating and enjoyable event that enhances their learning within school.

If you and your child would like to join the session, please could you indicate this on the reply slip below and return to the school office by **Friday 9th November**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Barnes
Year 5 Teacher

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Child’s Name:Child’s Class.....

My child and I will be attending the stargazing evening on Wednesday 14th November at 6.00pm at Hook Junior School.

Signed.....Parent/Carer