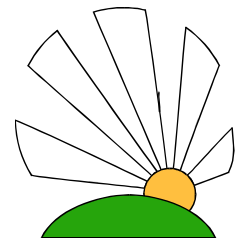


BINCOMBE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NUMBER 23

10th September 2003.



Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed the summer break. It is nice to welcome all the children back and also to welcome several new children and their families who have joined us. If your child has just started our Nursery class with Miss Hardy or the Reception class with Mrs Cobb then I wish them a happy time at our school. If it is the first child from your family to join us, I extend a special welcome. Please contact the teachers or myself if you need any advice or support. Several children have also joined us further up the school and I wish them every success at Bincombe.

I welcome back Mrs White who will be teaching year 2 children and also welcome a new member of the office staff Mrs Dinsdale, who will look after our finances.

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time. I have noticed how well the children have settled in and how smart they are in their uniform. We wish to encourage all of our children to wear the proper uniform and prefer that they wear shoes at school rather than trainers. The teachers will be speaking to all parents soon about the work of their particular class and how you can support your child's learning. It is important that you support their reading and homework, make sure they get enough sleep and arrive on time to school. If you want any support or have any worries please speak to the class teachers. It is often easier to do so at the end of the day or to make an appointment through the office.

The beginning of this year has been a particularly busy time too. Many teachers have changed the age range they teach and have moved to new classrooms. I appreciate the time and hard work they and their teaching assistants put in during the summer holidays to make sure everything was ready and running on the first day for pupils.

We have also had a lot of work carried out in the school to support pupils. We have refurbished our Computer Room which now houses 30 PCs (including 10 new computers), a teaching projector and individual teaching access. A big thank you to Miss Roper who spent a large part of the summer break supporting the contractors. We have now opened the new Food Technology kitchen which will enable a class to use this facility together. A disabled toilet area for pupils has been installed. We have had the large glass screen of the hall replaced, a new water main installed and the outside of the main block decorated. All of these works help improve our school.

I will be writing to you again shortly about the events planned this year but publish below the term dates for the year.

Autumn term 8th September – 19th December. Half term 27th – 31st October.

Spring term 5th January – 2nd April.

Half term 16th – 20th February.

Summer term 19th April – 20th July.

Half term 31st May – 4th June.

Training Days – Friday 30th January, Wednesday 21st July and Thursday 22nd July.

Best wishes

Leslie Strong
Headteacher

