



Dear Parents,

Meeting with Parents.

Next Tuesday 28TH September 2004, we provide an opportunity for parents to meet their child's class teacher. You can find out about the curriculum opportunities they have planned for the year ahead and how best you can support your child at school. You will also be able to ask questions of a general nature.



It appears that all children have settled well in their classes. Of course moving to a new class can be difficult for some children. If you need to speak to the teacher about your child then do arrange a meeting with them.

Meetings with Mrs Cobb, Miss Roper, Mrs Holloway and Mrs Masino **2.40 p.m.** in class.

Meetings with Mr Kay, Miss Firmin, Mrs White, Mrs Varndell, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Hart **3.00 p.m.** in class.

Update.

Last week I met with Dorset County Council staff to discuss the fire-damaged junior block. They plan to restore and completely refurbish the block by June next year. There are new building regulations that have to be followed and of course there will need to be a new roof and window screens. There will be a lot of internal work including rebuilding, furnishing and decoration. All this will take time but we will finish up with essentially a brand spanking new block!

I have managed to get a temporary ICT suite up and running so the children will not be deprived of opportunities in this vital area of the curriculum.



The class teachers affected by the fire have had to start from scratch ordering and making new resources for the children. This will take time. I recognise their efforts at the moment. There is still work to complete on the temporary classrooms. This is the plan:

This week – Completion of all electrical work

Next week – Completion of all plumbing work to include sinks, hot water and heating to each of the six classrooms.

Also next week we may see the erection of a more substantial and attractive fence surrounding the area.

From the third week we are looking to have the loose stone area outside the classrooms covered with tarmac.

We have received some generous donations from the local community. Mrs Glengarrick and her children raised £400. The Video Library on the Littlemoor Road has given £220 and the Littlemoor Community Action Group £25 and the St. Francis Church £101. Weymouth Operatic Society is organising a collection. You might like to know that the Opera Society presents Calamity Jane at the Pavilion Theatre from 29th September to 2nd October 2004.



Great News – Hot off the Press

I have just received confirmation of our Year 6 SATs results in English, Mathematics and Science. They were our highest to date. The Value Added measure for our school at 102.4 places us in the top 5% of schools nationally. Well done this is top-notch.



Our Website.

Miss Roper has again been very busy updating our Website, which you can visit on www.bincombevalley.dorset.sch.uk or www.bincombevalley.co.uk

As well as giving information on this site we have also created 'forums' where parents, staff and visitors can share information and exchange news.



Class Photographs.

It has come to my attention that the class photographs may have been delivered to the school during the contract work here in the summer. At present we are not able to establish their whereabouts. As you will know the school was in a right state due to the contracted work to replace the water and heating systems as well as because of the fire. I will let you know when they turn up.

Dates for you diary.

This Term.

Wednesday 6th October – morning. Chocoholics Party in the kitchen. Spoil yourself or buy Christmas Gifts for friends.



Wednesday 13th October 9.00 – A Harvest Celebration led by Mrs Holloway and Mrs Masino.

Monday 25th to Friday 29th – Half Term

Thursday 4th November – PTFA Function (subject to their next meeting).

Monday 29th November morning. Theatre production of 'Sleeping Beauty'

Thursday 9th December evening – PTFA Christmas Draw & Bingo

Monday 13th December afternoon – Infant Nativity in the school Hall

Tuesday 14th December afternoon – Infant Christmas Party

Wednesday 15th December afternoon – Junior Christmas Party

Thursday 16th December morning – Junior Carol Concert at St Francis' Church

Evening – Traditional Carols around the Tree for the Community.

Friday 17th – End of Term

Rest of the Year.

Monday 21st February – School Closed for Training Day

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th February – Parent Consultations

Monday 11th April - School Closed for Training Day

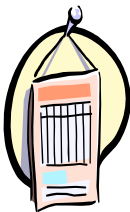
Monday 9th to Friday 13th May – Year 6 SATs – **no leave of absence can be authorised for this period.**

Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th May – Year 4. Carey Camp Residential Visit.

Monday 13th to Friday 17th June – Whole School Theme Week.

Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July – Year 6 week residential trip to Springhead.

Monday 6th and Friday 10th June – Year 5 activity at the Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre.



Best wishes

Mr Strong