

**BINCOMBE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents,

**Welcome.**

A warm welcome back to another school term particularly to new children who have joined us. We also welcome four trainee teachers, two from the University of Plymouth and two from the Dorset Teacher Training Programme who will be working alongside teachers in the school.

**Asian Appeal**

The children have been led in assembly to think of ways to support people affected by this tragic disaster. Two children came up with the idea of collecting small change in a long tube, which they helped to prepare. Children are invited to put their change in the slot at the top of the tube. The tube is in our school entrance under the banner 'Change for the Better'. The tube has already been filled once raising £50.65 and is half full again. Thank you to you and your children for your generosity.

**Update.**

I have again met with Dorset County Council staff to discuss the fire-damaged junior block. Work begins on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January – at last!

As you may have seen in the Dorset Echo we invited 'Blue Watch' from Weymouth Fire Brigade into school last week and presented them with a cheque for £825 towards the fund supporting injured fire officers.

Also a thank you to the Glengarrick children for their kind donation to the school from their Wessex FM / Toymaster prize won during the Christmas break.

**More News**

I have received an invitation from 10 Downing Street to meet the Prime Minister, Mr Tony Blair at a Reception in No.10 Downing Street next week. I am obviously delighted to attend. The meeting is in recognition of public service and the success of our school. It makes me feel very proud to represent the school community and share with others the hard work of the children, dedication of our teachers and staff and the strong support of our parents.

**School Events and Dates.**

The PTFA will shortly be contacting you about events which includes a Valentines Disco Party and Easter Fashion Show.

The school hosts a book fair at the end of February. For every book sold the school receives a sum of money to spend on a selection of books. Please give your support.

Year 5 will attend 'Astra the Waste Monster' at Weymouth Pavilion on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00 p.m. we hold our Annual Governor's AGM for Parents. This is your opportunity to raise any issues about the life of the school. Please try to attend.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – School Closed for Training Day

**Parent Consultations.**

These take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 3.15 to 5.15 p.m. and

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 5.00 to 7.00 p.m.

The meeting is an opportunity for you to find out more about your child's education and life in school. You may wish to discuss issues or share information with the teacher about your child's life and interests out of school.

**Best wishes**

Mr Strong