

Bincombe Valley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Staff News

We are pleased to report that Miss Roper returns from her maternity leave at the end of the March and will be the Reception Class teacher from the beginning of the Summer term. We are also pleased that Miss Whiteman is to remain with us for the remainder of this academic year. From the beginning of the Summer term she will be working elsewhere in the school.

I.C.T. Suite

The Governors Finance & People Committee have agreed to the continued update of our ICT suite. We will be installing a new server and ten new PCs to bring the number up to 30 computers. As you may have seen each class has had an interactive whiteboard installed making it possible for class teachers to access a wider variety of curriculum materials to enhance their teaching.



Year 6 SATS.

The revision period has started for our Year 6 pupils leading up to their national standard tests from 8th to 12th May 2006. Mrs Hart has provided each child with a comprehensive revision pack and is also running an after school session for all pupils. Results for the school have improved year by year and we are really looking forward to our current Year 6 maintaining this trend. We are grateful to parents for their continued support at this important time for their children.



PTFA News.

The PTFA have again organised a range of events for children and parents. They will be sending out their own newsletter shortly. The PTFA would welcome more help with their work. All parents are invited to their meetings, but if you don't enjoy meetings you can always offer your help in a practical way.

Book Week.

As you will know from Mrs Varndell's recent letter, this week is our Book Week. We really want to encourage your children to read more and more. Reading is great fun and a way of learning so much. We have a book fair in the hall all this week and on Thursday we are holding a special World Book Day assembly at 10.00 a.m. You are all warmly welcomed to join us. We are inviting everyone to dress up as a Roald Dahl character – Mr Wonka, Esio Trot, Fantastic Mr Fox, Aunt Spiker or Sponge, Matilda, the Enormous Crocodile, a Twit, one of the Witches, or even The BFG to give out a few ideas. We are also encouraging the children to take part in a Readathon and help raise money for charities that support children suffering from cancer. Please encourage your children to do all they can to support Book Week.



Spring Into Life

Later this month we have Weymouth Churches coming into school to deliver the Spring into Life programme to the juniors. The Red Balloon Theatre Company will perform a play as part of the programme.

School Visits for Year 4, 5 and 6

A further reminder about the trips later this year to Carey Camp, WOEC and Springhead, which form part of the curriculum we deliver at Bincombe Valley. It is anticipated that all children attend.

The trip to Carey Camp for Year 4 pupils is from Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th June and cost £60.

The WOEC activity for Year 5 pupils is the 12th and 13th June at a cost of £50.

The Springhead visit for Year 6 is for the week 26th to 30th June and cost £110.

We need to finalise numbers by the end of this month and need to have collected at least half the cost. I would be grateful therefore for all parents to meet this deadline date.



Parent Meetings.

It was great to see so many parents attend the recent meetings to discuss their children's life at school. If you couldn't manage to come just before half term then please contact the teacher to arrange a meeting.