

Bincombe Valley Primary School

Newsletter 52 – 1st February 2007.



Dear Parents,

Wacky Hair Day.

This Friday we invite all of our pupils to come into school with 'Wacky Hair' and ask them to donate £1 to UNICEF 'Day for Change.' One of the rights of all children is the right to education. UNICEF are working to ensure this right takes place in so many parts of the world. This year the focus is on Kenya. We are lucky to have a warm, well-equipped and pleasant school. Our fund raising will enable schools to be built and equipped in the poorer villages of Kenya. Education is a much-valued right, which can improve the life chances of the poorest in the world. If you would like to join in and make a donation we would be very pleased to welcome you to our Celebration assembly on Friday morning. You might also like to see the small display in the school entrance area.

Rights Respecting School.

As a school we are working with UNICEF to gain recognition as a Rights Respecting School. Last term through class assemblies and lessons we looked at the rights of children. This term we are looking at responsibility. By this we mean the responsibility we all have to respect the rights of others. As part of our work I attended the UNICEF Conference last week with Mrs Holloway and two pupils from the school, James Mansfield and Paige Bascombe. Through this letter I wanted to let you know what wonderful representatives and ambassadors of the school these two pupils were. They contributed a great deal to the day and have linked up with pupils from St Andrew's School and Portesham School to carry out activity with all our classes later in the term.

Attendance at School.

We all know how important it is to have good attendance at school and how necessary it is to limit unavoidable absences. The Governors have asked me to improve attendance rates at the school and as part of this measure you will find information at the back of this letter from Dorset County Council about holidays in term time. I would ask you to note what it says. I am presently working with the Education Social Work Service to support children with poor attendance and have recently been in touch with several parents. I need your support if as a school we are to reduce absences.

Parent and Teacher Meetings

These take place in the classroom on Wednesday 14th – 3.15 to 5.30 and Thursday 15th – 5.00 to 7.15. Please would you return the slip below to the class teacher indicating a preferred day and time slot, which they will then confirm. Each meeting last up to 10 minutes, so if you feel you need longer then please make a separate appointment. At the meeting you will be able to look at your child's school work, find out more about their progress at school and raise any matter of your own. This is an important meeting so it would be wonderful to see all parents attending. I will be available during the afternoon and evening to chat informally with any parent who wishes to see me.

Best wishes
Les Strong

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Name of Teacher _____ Name of Child _____

Preferred Day and Time (please tick)

Wednesday 3.15 to 3.30 3.30 to 4.00 4.00 to 4.30 4.30 to 5.00 5.00 to 5.30

Thursday 5.00 to 5.30 5.30 to 6.00 6.00 to 6.30 6.30 to 7.00 7.00 to 7.15

Please return to the class teacher who will confirm exact time of meeting.

