

Bincombe Valley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

School Book Week.

Next week we hold our annual Book Week. During the week we will focus on books by the writer Babette Cole, who will be visiting each class in the school on Wednesday. Children will be taking part in Readathon and have been provided with a sponsor card. We are again raising money for two charities - the CLIC Sargent and Roald Dahl Foundation. It would be great if this year we could top the **£500** mark and could do this if every child in the school was able to secure sponsorship of just £2. I'm sure that we can do it!

During the week there will be the launch of a poetry and illustration competition on the theme of 'Happiness'. The competition ends on 16th March and there will be prizes on offer to winners in each class.

We are also holding a Scholastic Book Fair during the week, from Wednesday afternoon. The PTFA will be offering refreshments on Thursday and Friday after school, while you enjoy browsing at the books on offer. The school benefits by receiving 60p in free books for every £1 spent at the Book Fair. Children have also received a £1 Book Token as part of World Book Day 2007 and a free bookmark. Book Week culminates on Friday when children, staff and parents are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. On the Friday we will have a special morning celebration assembly to which all parents are invited. After the assembly the Book fair will again be open and the PTFA will serve refreshments.

I really hope that every child takes an active part in Book Week, which has again been organised by Mrs Varndell. She has put in a lot of hard work and I know we will all give our best support to make this a very successful event. So please encourage your children to read, read and read! Let's reach our Readathon target of **£500**, so that we really can support these charities that help young people suffering from cancer, leukaemia, epilepsy and brain injury.

School Visits to Carey Camp, WOEC and Springhead.

A reminder that this Friday 2nd March is the second payment date for these trips. (The third and final payment is on 4th May). The payment asked for is £20 for Carey Camp (Year 4 Cost £65), £20 for WOEC (Year 5 Cost £55) and £40 for Springhead (Year 6 Cost £120).

Following enquiries from some parents we are unable to reduce the cost of the trips as they are already heavily subsidised by the school. For example the trip to Springhead is subsidised by £80 a place.

Football Club.

The A and B teams are due to play Radipole School here on Friday afternoon, but a lot will depend upon the state of the field if we have anymore heavy rain. The following Friday – 9th March, the A team are taking part in the Nash Cup, 6 –a-side tournament at Redlands from 1.00 to 3.00 p.m.

Science Day.

Our annual Science Day takes place on Thursday 15th March and this year includes a visiting Planetarium. Mrs White has organised the day and has been successful in obtaining grant funding for some of the activities she has planned. It promises to be a really exciting day!

Best wishes

Les Strong
Head teacher