

Bincombe Valley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

School Book Week.

This was a great success. The children enjoyed the visit from the writer Babette Cole, which inspired them to write class books. These are on display in the school entrance. The Book Fair was also enjoyed and a total of £95 of free books were received by the school. The children loved dressing up as book characters and sharing books with one another. The Readathon was supported better than ever and so far over £275 has been raised for the two charities - the CLIC Sargent and Roald Dahl Foundation. A big thank you for your support. The poetry and illustration competition on the theme of 'Happiness' ended today and there will be prizes on offer to winners in each class. Finally thank you to Mrs Varndell for all her hard work in organising such an enjoyable week.

Science Day.

All pupils enjoyed their visit to the Planetarium which was set up in the hall on Thursday and learnt a great deal about the stars and planets around us. All classes were involved in practical activities linked to the theme 'Its not rocket science' and once or twice I had to duck! A thank you to Mrs white for organising this special learning day and for obtaining funding for the activities and hire of the planetarium.

Netball Club.

Well done to the netball team and their teacher Mrs Wilen assisted by Stephanie Bryant. The team entered the local schools tournament on Wednesday and took third place. They played with great skill and their terrific sporting attitude was a credit to the school.

Illness at School.

You will all be aware of the current illness in school. We have been in constant communication with our local public health advisor and have followed all the precautions needed to contain any virus. Thankfully we seem to have reached the point where fewer children are becoming ill without the need to have closed the school. Please remember if your child become ill keep them at home for 48 hours after the illness has passed.

International Football Fixture England v Holland U18

As a football Charter school we have received 50 free tickets for this fixture to be held at Yeovil Town F.C. on Tuesday 27th March 7.45pm kick off. Having opened the offer to Year 6 pupils I have 20 tickets remaining on a first come - first served basis. The only cost is £5 for the coach. If you are interested please contact me.

PTFA News.

My thanks to all those ladies who assisted at the recent Chocoholics Sale and served refreshments at the book fair. I have been asked to tell you about the Spring Disco being held for pupils on Friday 23rd March at £1 a ticket. The disco for Nursery, Year R, 1 and 2 (the infants) is from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. and for juniors from 6.45 to 8.00 p.m. Nursery children (no pre-school please) must be accompanied by an adult. To improve safety and security all children will need to enter and leave by the Culliford Way entrance, as the rear entrance will be locked. Tickets can be purchased from the school office. Children may like to bring a small amount of money with them for the tuck shop.

Breakfast Club.

I am again hopeful that Dorset Sure Start will support my funding bid to continue the breakfast 'Sunrise Club' for another financial year. Thank you to all those parents and children who completed my recent questionnaire. It is clear that the club is very much needed and appreciated. Particular praise was given to the staff running the club so I would like to thank Sue, Karen and Jan for all they do. If you are interested in sending your child to the Sunrise Club then please note the information on the back of this newsletter.

A special thought.

We were saddened to hear of the death of one of our parents, Julie- Anne Neal who passed away unexpectedly at home on 10th March aged 33 years. Her children Shannon, Cameron and Connor are very much in our prayers. Our thoughts are with all her family and friends during this difficult time. May God bless her.

Kind regards

Les Strong, Head teacher.