

# Bincombe Valley Primary School

Newsletter 55 – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2007.



Dear Parents,

## **Summer term.**

It is nice to have the children back at school and such lovely weather too. We have a busy term ahead. Most parents will have received annual reports for their children. Could I encourage you to send back the feedback form back to me with your comments? Mrs White is away from school at the moment and will be away up to half term. We have employed Mrs Scott, one of our regular supply teachers, to cover the class in her absence.

## **Key Stage 1 and 2 Statutory Assessments.**

Pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 are involved in these assessments.

Mrs Masino will be conducting the assessments in reading, writing, mathematics and science for Year 2 pupils. Mrs Hart will be conducting the national Key Stage 2 tests for Year 6 pupils which take place from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2007. All the pupils are working hard in preparation for these important tests and I wish them all the best.

The following week pupils in Year 3,4 and 5 will be sitting tests in English and Mathematics.

## **Residential visits and activity for Year 4,5 and 6.**

A reminder that Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May is the final date for payment to Carey Camp (Year 4), WOEC (Year 5) and Springhead (Year 6) and also the last date for booking a place.

Carey Camp runs from 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June and costs £65. It is being led by Mr Leadley.

WOEC runs from 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June and costs £55. It is led by Mr Kay and Mrs Varndell.

Springhead runs from 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June and costs £120. It is led by Mrs Hart.

Please contact Mr Strong directly if you have any issues or questions to ask.

## **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 trip to the Haynes Motor Museum.**

The staff have organised cake sales each Friday break time to raise funds to help subsidise the cost of this trip. The cost of a cake is 10p and any cakes left will be sold after school.

## **Dorset Sure Start Survey for pupils in Year 3 and 4.**

Pupils have been given a childcare survey questionnaire to take home to their parents. I would encourage you to complete the questionnaire and return it by 31<sup>st</sup> May in the envelope provided. The survey will help Bincombe meet the childcare needs of children in the future.

## **Chickerell Year 4 Football Festival.**

I will be taking a group of pupils to this festival which takes place next Thursday afternoon at Chickerell School. Letters will go out to those involved on Monday when I will have received full details about the festival.

## **Wearing of ear-rings and jewellery**

The school has a clear policy about this, which is aimed at ensuring the safety of all pupils and we need the support of all parents in this regard. *If worn only one pair of small stud earrings is allowed. No rings to be worn. Earrings to be removed for PE/Games. For pierced ears, a disclaimer must be signed by the parents, absolving the school from any liability.*

Recently we have noted children wearing hoop earrings or larger studs – these are not permitted and your child will be asked to remove them. If you have any concerns about this policy please write to the governors.

## **David Beckham Football Academy**

A bid I submitted several months ago has been successful and the school has been given a place to take up to thirty Year 5/6 children to this top football academy in London on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The visit is free and a really wonderful opportunity. All I will be seeking would be for the cost of the journey by coach. I will be writing to the pupils involved next week.

## **Big Fish Art Project**

Tomorrow a group of 15 pupils from Mr Kay's class join other children from local schools at Weymouth College to embark on this exciting arts project. It promises to be a rewarding experience for all involved.

Kind regards

Les Strong, Head teacher.