

# Bincombe Valley Primary School

Newsletter 60 –20<sup>th</sup> November 2007.



Dear Parents,

## **Bincombe Valley Children's Centre**

The works to the centre are now complete and the centre will be officially opened on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 12.00 p.m. You are very welcome to attend and look around the centre. The centre will operate as a partnership venture between the school, Dorset Sure Start and NCH (National Children's Homes) to support parents and children living in the Littlemoor area. The school is already using the centre facilities for its Sunrise Breakfast Club. It will also use the centre to provide hot school meals in the near future (see below).

The Centre will establish a user group involving school staff, Sure Start and NCH staff, parents and community representatives and you will hear more about this shortly.

## **Hot School Meals.**

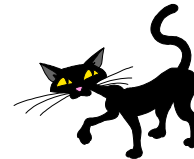
We hope to provide hot school meals from the start of next term.

The cost of a meal is £1.80 a day but can be provided free to those pupils already in receipt of free school meals. In order to gauge take-up and plan for the provision I would ask you to return the slip below to the school office by next Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November if you think you would be interested in your child/children having a hot mid-day meal.



## **Pantomime.**

Next Thursday morning the 29<sup>th</sup> November we have a visiting theatre company performing the pantomime 'Dick Whittington'. If you would like your child to attend please send in £3 for a ticket to the school office. This will help cover some of the cost to the school.



## **Say NO to bullying.**

This week in schools across the country is anti-bullying week. I have been talking to pupils about bullying and listening to their views on the subject. In partnership with Dorset County Council the school has signed an 'Anti-bullying Charter', which is on display in the Junior corridor. With the children we have also produced an anti-bullying statement. This accompanies this newsletter. It is really important to distinguish bullying from the times when pupils squabble or fall out with one another. We believe the statement points this out clearly.

## **Bincombe Valley Web-site.**

Mr Kay has been regularly updating our web-site to share with you many of the events that have taken place at school. Our website can be found at [www.bincombevalley.co.uk](http://www.bincombevalley.co.uk)

If you have no access to a computer at home you can access it at Littlemoor Library or contact Mr Kay to view our website in school.



**Bookfair. Mrs Vardell writes:**

The Travelling Book Company is visiting school next week from Monday 26th November to Thursday 29th November. All the children will have the opportunity of browsing, and buying from the book fair. The day on which your child's class will be visiting the book fair is set out below. If you would also like to come and have a look, the Book Fair will be open from 3.00pm to 3.30pm each day after school. It will be a wonderful opportunity to purchase Christmas presents! Any money spent will also benefit the school. In fact the more that is spent, the more free books we can get for the library.



**Please do come and browse and enjoy yourself.**

	MONDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> NOV	TUESDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> NOV	WEDNESDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> NOV	THURSDAY 29 <sup>th</sup> NOV
9.00 – 10.00	Mrs.Cobb's class	Base	Nursery	PANTOMIME
10.00 – 11.00	Mrs.Vardell's class	Mrs.Holloway's class	Mrs.Masino's class	
11.00 – 12.00	Mr.Kay's class	Mrs.Rankin's class	Miss Matthew's class	
1.00 – 2.00	Mr.Leadley's class	Mrs.Cobb's class	Nursery – Mrs George	Mrs.Hart's class
2.00 – 3.00				
3.00 – 3.30	Parents and children			

**Walk to School Week.**

A big thank you to you all for supporting the event this year, which had been organised by Mr Upton. Mrs Masino's class were the winners and duly received the 'Golden Boot' award.

It is also great to see so many pupils cycling or 'scootering' to school, though I have to sometimes remind them to dismount when in school so as to avoid any accidents. Mr Shutts has been busy putting up more cycle racks due to demand! As part of our going commitment as being a 'Healthy School' we are carrying out a survey of the way children get to school and a copy accompanies this newsletter. I would ask if you could find a couple of minutes of your time to complete the questionnaire. The results will help me to put together a 'Travel Plan' for the school, which can then be used to access further funding for parent waiting shelters and some covered cycle racks.

**Christmas events.**

A reminder about the events planned (please note change of date for the Junior Carol Concert)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1.30 p.m. – Infant Nativity Play in the school hall. Tickets will be available from your child's class.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 a.m. – Infant Nativity Play in the school hall. Tickets will be available from your child's class.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1.30 p.m. Class 8 (Mrs Vandell) visit St Francis Church to sing carols to the 'Seniors' group

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 a.m. Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 visit St Francis Church for a Christingle service.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 11.00 a.m. Class 5 (Mrs Masino) carol singing at Gould's Garden Centre

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 a.m. Junior Carol Concert at St Francis Church. All welcome

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 p.m. Carols around the Christmas Tree in the school hall, with refreshments to follow.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 11.00 a.m. Class 5 (Mrs Masino) and Class 10 (Mrs Hart) carol singing at Brewers Quay in Hope Square.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 6.00 for 6.30 p.m. PTFA Christmas Bingo and raffle

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December p.m. Infant Christmas Party

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December p.m. Junior Christmas Party

3.00 p.m. School breaks for Christmas holiday.



Best wishes

Mr Les Strong

**Hot School Meals**

I would be interested in my \_\_\_\_child/children having a hot school meal. (indicate number of children)

Name\_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to Mr Strong by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007.**