

# Bincombe Valley Primary School

**Newsletter Number 63**

**April 2008**



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good Easter. It was lovely to see the sun shining. We welcome the children back to the Summer term, which again looks likely to be a busy and exciting time. Enclosed with this newsletter is a list showing events planned for the term with dates and times and some information about the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Scheme. The school has been following the scheme for a little while now and we hope the information will give you a clearer insight into what it is about.

## **Outdoor Activity – information for pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6.**

A reminder about these planned visits.

**Year 4** children visit Carey Camp Centre led by Mr Leadley. Children spend three days on site engaging in a range of outdoor activity and spend two nights under canvas. The visit is planned for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June. The total cost is £70.

**Year 5** pupils visit Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre (WOEC) for two full days learning to climb, rock-hop, sail and kayak accompanied by Mr Kay and Mrs Varndell. The visit is planned for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008. The total cost is £60

**Year 6** pupils are offered a five-day residential visit to Springhead. (Information was sent in December). The visit is planned for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The total cost is £125. The cost of each of these three visits is well subsidised by the school and offer excellent value for money. In order to spread the cost the school runs a Savings Card Scheme. If you are keen for your child to attend their class trip then please contact the school. The final date for payment is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008.

## **Bincombe Valley is a Healthy School!**

The school will shortly receive the prestigious national Healthy Schools Award in recognition of the work it does to promote healthy lifestyles including exercise and healthy eating. We continue to provide fruit for our younger pupils and would like to see all pupils choose to eat fruit or a healthy snack at morning break. We discourage children from eating crisps too often and eating too many sweets. We would welcome any support you can give us in this regard.

We will continue to provide several after school sports clubs and activity and would always welcome any parental help. My thanks to Mr Upton for the great deal of time and work he has personally put into helping the school achieve this award.

My bid to Dorset Sure Start for continued funding this financial year for our Sunrise Breakfast Club was successful. They have provided £3300 to enable the school to continue this much needed service. If you need any information about the club then please contact the school office.

We have not been so fortunate in starting our hot school meals, with a further delay due to the need for County to finalise a contract with a catering provider. Unfortunately we are in their hands and although we have expressed our disappointment it appears we will just have to remain patient!

## **Annual reports and School Tests**

Annual reports for parents on the progress of their children will be sent out on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2008. There are some changes to the reports, which I hope will make things clearer to parents about their child's progress at school and their attainment in comparison to the national picture.

Pupils in Year 2 will shortly begin to take a series of tests and tasks in line with national statutory assessment arrangements (SATs). Mrs Masino and Mrs Rankin will carry out the tests in reading, writing and Mathematics during May. The teachers will also assess progress in science.

Pupils in Year 6 will take their SATs during the week 12 – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and sit tests in reading, writing, mathematics and science.

Pupils in Year 3,4 and 5 will also sit national optional tests during the same week.

I am not allowed to authorise any holiday leave to Year 6 pupils during SATs week and to aid school organisation wish to extend this to all junior pupils during test week.

### **The School Dress Code**

In the summer term girls are permitted to wear a blue gingham summer dress. Boys may wear short school trousers. Please remember children need to wear shoes or sturdy school sandals and not trainers or shoes with heels. I am sure you will support the school dress code in order to maintain standards and safety.

If you have any problem obtaining uniform please contact the school office for help. I will be speaking to pupils if the need arises about the way they dress for school.

### **Works to the school grounds.**

You will probably have noticed plenty of work going on recently around the school. This has included extending the infant playground, widening the Culliford Way entrance, the installation of new windows and doors to the Infant teaching blocks, the resurfacing of the infant play surface plus additional equipment and the remarking of the playground markings. The buildings and grounds are in very good order and offer a safe and stimulating environment for our pupils. My thanks to the Governors Premises Committee and to Tom Shutts. Last term, Tom and I reviewed all aspects of health and safety connected to the school, which was then audited by the County H & S team. We were judged to be doing very well, but of course we know it is important not to be complacent. A couple of items for parents to consider were raised. 1. Please avoid congesting the turning circle at the end of the day by parking along the side of Alamanda Road a little further away if necessary. 2. If parking in Culliford Way please respect the entrances of our neighbours and on no account drop off or park on the yellow zigzags. If you have any suggestions for any other ways we can improve the school or make it safer then do let me know. Our next planned works to the school is the installation of wet weather walkways and covered areas.

### **School Clubs.**

This summer term we have the following clubs running:

Monday -Netball (lunchtime club)

Tuesday -Athletics Y5/6, Gardening

Wednesday- Newspaper, Dance (lunchtime club)

Thursday -Cricket Y5/6, Art Club

Friday -Gymnastics Y5/6, Football Y1-4

The Year 6 Homework Club will continue each afternoon after school from 3.00-3.30 p.m.



### **Sports activities.**

17<sup>th</sup> April – Years 3 & 4 Football festival at Chickerell school

21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 5 & 6 Hockey Festival (to be confirmed)

25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 Country Dancing festival at Conifers School (to be confirmed)

2<sup>nd</sup> July – Infants Racquets festival (to be confirmed)

– Year 5 Cricket Festival at Bryanston School

4<sup>th</sup> July – Rounders festival at Bincombe Valley School

**Finally.** If any parent serves as a regular member of the Armed services would they contact Mrs Cross in the school office on 01305 832329.

**Bincombe Valley Primary School****Dates for the Summer Term 2008.**

Event	Contact	Date	Time/Venue
Year 4 Swimming	Mr Upton	Weekly each Friday from 11 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 – 10.30 a.m. Weymouth Pool
N- Y5 Annual Pupil Reports to parents	Mr Strong	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	
Y3 Kite festival	Miss Matthews	Wed. 30 <sup>th</sup> April	a.m. Pavilion
Key Stage 1 SATS for Year 2	Mrs Masino and Mrs Rankin	From 6 <sup>th</sup> May	
Key Stage 2 SATS for Year 6	Mrs Hart and Mr Kay	12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	a.m.
Year 3,4 and 5 QCA Tests	Class teachers	12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	a.m.
Class Photographs	Mrs Cross	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	p.m.
School INSET day closure	Mr Strong	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	All day
Year 5 WOEC Trip	Mr Kay	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00 – 4.30
Year 4 Carey Camp	Mr Leadley	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	2 nights stay
Area field and track events	Mr Upton	10 <sup>th</sup> June Field 11 <sup>th</sup> June Track	- 4pm - 1pm The Marsh
Theme week 'China' including Bincombe Olympics and UNICEF Walk 'The Great Wall' with picnic.	Mrs Holloway Mr Upton	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	All week Olympics – Weds Walk & picnic - Friday
Year 6 Springhead	Mrs Hart	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	All week 4 night stay
Life Bus	Mr Upton	Week stay from 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Infant Playground
Year 6 Secondary School Induction Day	Mrs Hart	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	School day
Year 6 Primary College	Mrs Hart	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	School day
Y4 Model Boats	Mr Leadley	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	a.m. Pavilion
Year 6 Annual Pupil Reports & SATS to parents	Mrs Hart	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	
Reception to Y5 Test Results to parents	Mr Strong	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	
Sports Day	Mr Upton	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	1.15 p.m.
Year 6 Show	Mrs Hart	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 a.m. School Hall
Celebration Assembly	Mrs Cobb	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	9.00 a.m. School Hall
Leavers Assembly	Mr Strong & Mrs Hart	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.00 a.m. School Hall
Last School Day		Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	School ends at 3 pm