

# Bincombe Valley Primary School

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**May 2008**



Dear Parents,

It was really lovely to see so many of you at our recent celebration assembly. A highlight was the awarding of certificates to a group of junior pupils who have worked so hard to really improve their reading. I would like to thank the CatchUp team of teaching assistants led by Mrs Seex for their commitment to the scheme, which the children really enjoy. I would also like to thank all those parents who have given their children that little bit extra support to boost their confidence and their reading skills. As I said at the assembly, reading is like a key that opens so many more doors of learning.

I have received some good news about the provision of hot school meals. The County has agreed to us starting them on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Information was sent out yesterday so if you didn't receive it please contact the school office.

## **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. 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). 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. (The visit is planned for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The total cost is £125

The final date for payment for all three is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008.

## **School Tests**

Pupils in Year 6 are currently taking their national SATs in reading, writing, mathematics and science. They are pulling out all the stops and we are really proud of them.

Pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 are also taking national optional tests during this week and are doing well.

## **Walk to School Week.**

This takes place next week as part of our healthy schools work. Mr Upton will be sending out further information. Do encourage your children to take part.

## **School Clubs and visits.**

I would like to thank all parents who offer help to our after school clubs such as gardening, athletics and football. The children really enjoy having you there and I know you have fun too. I would also like to thank those parents who helped with the recent school trips such as that last Monday to the Sea-Life Centre and also the recent kite festival.

## **Staffing matters**

At present Miss Matthews in Year 3 is away from school. We have replaced her with Mrs Bell an experienced supply teacher for the next couple of weeks. Miss Roper returns after half-term following her maternity leave. Mrs White will also be returning soon. She has been absent for some time nursing her husband Mike, who has sadly passed away. We send her all our sympathy.

## **School INSET day closure**

A reminder that the school is closed after half term on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Children return on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Les Strong, Headteacher.