

Bincombe Valley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It is lovely to see the sun shine. Our Year 5 pupils are currently enjoying sailing, kayaking and climbing activity at Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre and from tomorrow our Year 4 pupils visit Carey Camp. We also enter teams into the South Dorset Schools athletics meeting taking place at the Marsh with field events today and the track events tomorrow afternoon. **Year 6** pupils are away on a five-day residential visit to Springhead from Monday 23rd June.

We currently have school sun hats for sale with the school logo on them. The price is £2.75 and they are available from Mrs Cross in the school office.

Great News.

Last week we received news of our Artsmark application, an award that recognises the range of art activities offered to our pupils at Bincombe. Mr Kay as Arts subject leader for the school spearheaded the application. I am thrilled to announce that the school was awarded a GOLD award and would like to say well done to all concerned.

We also received our Healthy Schools certificate last week along with a wall plaque in recognition of this award. My thanks here go to Mr Upton for leading our application. Again well done to all!

The Geenfingers Gang

This gardening club organised by Mrs Masino and Mrs Clarke held a very successful plant sale in May and raised £53. The next sale is this afternoon (Tuesday). The Gang would like to thank you for your support.

Theme Week – China.

Mrs Holloway and Mrs Mason have led the organisation of our annual theme week, which this year is focused on China. On Monday we are holding our Summer Olympics, a little ahead of those in Beijing and within budget! On Friday we are holding our annual sponsored walk for UNICEF, which this year will focus on children involved in the recent tragic earthquake. Details of both of these events are on the back of this newsletter.

Meeting for new pupils joining Reception Class next September.

This meeting take place next Wednesday 18th June at 6 00 p.m. in the school hall. Mr Strong will greet the parents and Mrs Cobb will provide information about the day to day routines of the school. A small group of Year 6 pupils will conduct a tour of the school. The PTFA are kindly providing refreshments.

Voice works.

Our Year 2 and 5 children will be working with pupils from St John's School who visit us on Thursday this week. Christine Page from the Dorset Music service leads this singing activity and there will be a performance for parents at 2.15 p.m.

Hot school Meals

A reminder that these start on Monday 16th June. If your child is entitled to a free school lunch please make sure you let the school office know their requirement by tomorrow morning. The cost for paid meals is £2.10 a day or £10 a week. We require orders on a Wednesday for the following week.