

Bincombe Valley Primary School

Newsletter Number 67

September 2008



Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed a good summer break. I warmly welcome the children back for the start of the Autumn Term, which again looks like a busy and exciting time. In this newsletter is a list of events planned so far for the Autumn term and also school opening and holiday dates.

School Improvement.

I am keen to build upon our many successes last year such as obtaining ArtsMark Gold and the Healthy Schools Award and of course the excellent Key Stage 2 SATs results. I would like to hear from you and your children about any aspects of school life that you would like to see developed or improved. I therefore invite you to send in any suggestions or ideas either on the slip below or by separate letter. I have recognised some aspects for further development and would like to include these and your views so that we all feel involved in making Bincombe an even better school.

Staff at the school.

This year as we have some new faces, I thought it would be useful to let you know about these and existing staff. This would particularly help new parents.

Our **teachers** are as follows: Mrs George – Nursery, Mrs Cobb – Reception, Mrs Holloway – Reception, Mrs Rankin and Mrs Britton (formerly Roper) – Year 1, Mrs White – Year 2
Mrs Masino – Year 3, Mrs Mason – Year 3, Mrs Bell – Year 4, Mr Kay – Year 5, Mrs Hart – Year 6.
Mrs Guppy and Mrs Sanders are in the Base. Mr Upton leads P.E. and Healthy Schools.

Our **Office Staff** are Mrs Cross (Admin Officer) and Miss Eccles (Finance Officer).

Our **Teaching Assistants** are as follows Mrs Eggleton in Nursery, Mrs Pruet and Mrs Dixon in Reception, Mrs Fitzpatrick in Year 1 and Mrs Taylor in Year 2.

Mrs Clarke and Miss Carter in Year 3, Mrs Matthews in Year 4, Mrs Why and Mrs Lawless in Year 5 and Mrs Gough and Mrs Stone in Year 6.

Mrs Upton and Mrs Farmer are in the Base

Our **Premises staff** include Mr Shutts, site manager and his team of Mrs Canham, Mrs Parker, Mrs Stone and Mrs McBride. The first three ladies also run our Breakfast Club.

Mrs Ings prepares our Hot School Meals supported by Mrs McBride.

The School Day.

The morning session begins at 8.50 a.m. and children should arrive from 8.30 a.m.

School lunchtime is from 12.20 to 1.00 p.m.

The afternoon session begins at 1.00 p.m. and ends at 3.00 p.m.

The Breakfast Club usually operates from 7.45 to 8.45 p.m.

There are a host of after school clubs and these will be notified shortly. They usually run from 3.00 – 4.00 p.m.

Hot School Meals

The cost of this mid-day meal remains at £2.10 a day or £10 for a full week. Due to the requirements of our suppliers we need to know by the end of each Tuesday the meals a child is having the following week. A copy of each week's menu is on display just outside the school office. For further details and orders please contact Mrs Cross or Miss Eccles in the office.

The School Uniform Code

The school uniform consists of a school sweatshirt, white or light blue polo shirt and grey trousers for boys or skirt/trousers for girls. Please contact Sarah Cross in the school office if your child requires a school sweatshirt. A reminder that children should wear black shoes and not trainers in school. Jewellery is not permitted to be worn and if ear-rings are worn they need to be a small studded type. I am sure most of you will support the school dress code in order to maintain standards of appearance.

Works around the school grounds.

Please note that shortly the wet weather shelters will be installed. Although there will be minimal inconvenience do take care moving around the school.

Pupil Information

During next week we will send out pupil record sheets and ask that you provide up to date details in particular regarding contacts and telephone numbers

Instrument Lessons

If your child is interested in learning the Keyboard or guitar at school then please contact Mrs Masino directly. The cost of each lesson is between £5 - £10 depending on the size of the group of pupils being taught together. Lessons must be paid termly in advance before they commence.

Breakfast Club

We have some vacancies at present in the Breakfast Club. The cost is 40p daily. If you are interested then please contact the school or the breakfast club for a form.

Autumn Term 2008 (events planned to date).

Event	Date	Time
Class meeting with teachers	Wednesday 17 th September	From 3.00 p.m.
School Pantomime	Thursday 27 th November	9.15 a.m.
KS1 Christmas Party Years R,1 and 2	Wednesday 17 th December	p.m.
KS2 Christmas Party Year 3,4,5 and 6	Thursday 18 th December	p.m.

The Academic Year 2008-09

Term/holiday	Start date	End date
Autumn Term	Wednesday 3 September	Friday 19 December
Half Term	Monday 27 October	Friday 31 October
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22 December	Friday 2 January 2009
Spring Term	Tuesday 6 January	Friday 3 April
Half Term	Monday 16 February	Friday 20 Feb
Easter Holiday	Monday 6 April	Friday 17 April
Summer Term	Monday 20 April	Friday 17 July
Half Term	Monday 25 May	Friday 29 May
Summer Holiday	Monday 20 th July	to be confirmed
May Day	Monday 4 May 2009	

Best wishes

Les Strong
Headteacher

School Improvement 2008 – Return Slip

Please consider the following:

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This slip should be returned to Mr Strong by **14th September 2008**

Name (optional).....

