

Bincombe Valley Primary School



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Dear Parents,

UNICEF Rights Respecting School.

I am very pleased to let you know that the school has been awarded Level 1 of this national award. The award recognises the work we have carried out with our pupils about the United Nations charter on the rights of the child and their response and respect for this. All our teachers have developed class charters and taught their children about rights and responsibilities. We have held several assemblies on themes linked to the Children's Charter and a group of Year 5 pupils have composed a school song. I would like to thank Mrs Holloway in particular for her work here. Well done to all!

Goodbye and Hello.

At the end of term we say goodbye to Mrs Hart who will be returning to Australia. She has been at Bincombe for 11 years and has really made a difference to the lives of the children she has taught and a large contribution in raising educational standards at our school. She will be missed. The school would like to say a big thank-you and give her our best wishes at our special leaver's assembly this Friday at 9.00 a.m.

We will also give our best wishes to Mrs Guppy who takes on an acting headship at another Dorset school for the autumn term.

We also thank two teaching assistants, Miss Ireland and Mrs Webster for their work over the last year as they also leave.

Mr Leadley returns to Bincombe next year after his year at a school in Cambodia. We look forward to him re-joining us and hearing about his experiences abroad.

Classes for next year.

Please use the chart below to locate your child's class for next academic year. Many of our Key Stage 1 classes will be team-taught and our KS2 classes will move together from one teacher to another. Information is shown below.

Classes	2009-10	Previous teacher 2008
Class N Nursery	Mrs George	
Class 1 and 2 Reception Unit	Mrs Cobb and Mrs Holloway	Mrs George and other nursery providers
Class 3 and 4 Year 1 Unit	Mrs Rankin, Mrs Britton and Miss Matthews	Mrs Cobb and Mrs Holloway
Class 5 Year 2 Unit	Mrs White	Mrs Rankin and Mrs Britton
Class 6 Year 3 Junior Block	Mrs Masino	Mrs White
Class 7 Year 4 Junior Block	Mrs Mason	Mrs Masino
Class 8 Year 4 Junior Block	Mrs Bell	Mrs Mason
Class 9 Year 5 Junior Block	Mr Leadley	Mrs Bell
Class 10 Year 6 Junior Block	Mr Kay	Mr Kay

Mr Upton will continue his teaching work around the school in Physical Education and Healthy Schools activity.

School Information.

During the year we have been making changes and improvements to our School Prospectus and Website. I am grateful to Mr Kay and Cathy and Sarah in the school office for their work here. Our Website is www.bincombe.dorset.sch.uk where you will find information about all school events, copies of all newsletters, photograph galleries and our school prospectus.

Mr Wood, Chair of Governors and I have recently published our annual school profile, a requirement of the government Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). Please see the attached letter.

Thank you.

I would like to thank members of our Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) for organising the School Fete on Friday evening. It was a huge success, providing an opportunity for us all to get together, have fun and raise funds for our school. A good total of money was raised and this will be spent on events and equipment for the children.

End of Year Events.

On Friday at 9.00 a.m. we hold our special Leavers Assembly in the School hall. It is the time when we say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 pupils who leave us to embark upon their secondary school lives. Most of them have been with us since Nursery, spending seven years at Bincombe. We have got to know them really well and I can see they are a lovely group of children. They have all done their very best at Bincombe and provided us as a staff with many happy memories and only the odd headache! They have done particularly well in their school lessons, making great progress over time and later this week their parents will receive their end of year reports from Mrs Hart and their results from statutory tests (SATs). As well as academic progress, what has most impressed me is their approach to learning, the way they conduct themselves, what fun they are and how responsibly they behave. This hasn't happened by chance and is due to their positive response, the skill and commitment of staff and the support from their parents at home. Although I will be sad to see them leave I am happy that they have had the best of opportunities here at Bincombe and have the confidence and attitudes to do great things at their secondary schools.

On Thursday is the Year 6 show 'Greece'. It is a musical based upon(well I won't say any more!) Anyway it sounds great fun and shouldn't be missed. All parents are warmly welcomed to attend.

On Tuesday Year 3 and 4 pupils will enjoy a French Day to coincide with Bastille Day in France. Later that day we have our annual Year 6 Pupils v Staff rounders match followed by a barbeque

This school year ends at 3 p.m. on Friday.

Dates for next academic year are as follows, with half terms in brackets:

Autumn Term 2009 –

Monday 7th September to Friday 18th December (26th – 30th October)

Spring Term 2010 –

Tuesday 5th January to Thursday 1st April (11th – 19th February)

Summer Term 2010 –

Tuesday 20th April to Friday 23 July (31st May – 4th June)

Staff training days when the school is closed to parents are:

3rd & 4th September 2009, 4th January, 12th February and 19th April 2010

Best Wishes for a lovely holiday *Les Strong*
Headteacher

