

Bincombe Valley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Home & School Agreement

Thank you for completing the Home & School agreement forms which form the basis of our partnership with you. We only need another 12 back to have a full house! An important part of the agreement is for the school to arrange additional support for pupils should they need it to keep up with their learning. Part of this is the CatchUp reading programme for pupils in the juniors. This Thursday at 2.30 p.m. we are holding a meeting for parents who have children on the programme. Another aspect of the home to school agreement is for parents to support their children's reading at home and with their homework. If you ever have any concerns with this or your child is reluctant to do their homework then do come and talk to me.

Me and My Project

Information about this Targeted Mental Health in Schools programme was recently sent to the parents of all pupils in Year 4. As no parent raised any objections for their child to participate in a questionnaire survey we will conduct this shortly.

School website.

A reminder that our Website is www.bincombevalley.uk where you will find information about all school events, copies of all newsletters, photograph galleries and our school prospectus.

Harvest Assembly.

Our annual harvest assembly take place next **Thursday**, 22nd October at 9.00 a.m. in the school hall.

We invite all our pupils to donate a food item such as a packets of soup, cans of fruit or tins of tuna. These items are then donated to the Lantern a local charity supporting the homeless and needy in Weymouth. We hope through this act of generosity that we further encourage children to share and care for others. Please could children bring in any item on Tuesday and Wednesday so that we can display all the items at the assembly. Mr Shutts and I will then deliver the items to Lantern later in the day.

Pupils in Year 6 Mr Kay's class are leading the Harvest assembly, but parents of all our children are very welcome to attend.

Breakfast Club and break snacks and school lunches.

We continue to run our Breakfast Club every morning from 7.45 a.m. to 8.45 a.m. for 40 pupils. The cost for a healthy breakfast is 50p daily. We still have some spaces so if you are interested please contact Sue at Breakfast Club or Sarah and Cathy in the School Office. We are keen for children to bring in a healthy break snack such as fruit or a fruit/breakfast bar, rather than crisps or chocolate bar. At lunch time we continue to provide a hot school meal. The cost is £2.10 daily. If you are in receipt of Income Support, Child Tax Credit or Job Seekers Allowance your child may be entitled to a free hot meal. To apply please ring Dorset Direct on 01305 251000.

Sweatshirts

We have a new supply of school sweatshirts in stock. Please contact Sarah Cross if your child requires one.

Football and Rugby Clubs

The football club have enjoyed two recent friendly games with St Andrew's and Conifers School. The games were all close encounters played with a wonderful team spirit. The girl's team playing Conifer's took on a team of all but one boy! My thanks to Mr Upton and to the other team coaches Lee, Nicky, Neil and Sharon. The rugby club take part in a local tournament tomorrow afternoon (Wednesday 14th) at Redlands.

History comes Alive

Pupils in Year 4 recently went back to Tudor times visiting the Tudor House and Portland Castle in a trip arranged by Mrs Bell and Mrs Mason. They all came back so excited and full of ideas about Tudor life.

Next week, Mrs Masino and Year 3 pupils go back to the time of the pharaohs when they visit the Tutankhamen Exhibition in Dorchester.

Transform Textiles into Treasure!

A reminder that Cathy Eccles in the school office has arranged for families to bring unwanted clothes and textiles into school next Wednesday 21st October which will then be recycled in a Dorset scheme which earns money for school funds.

Best Wishes

Les Strong Headteacher