

Dear Parents



Outdoor Activity

Year 4 attend Carey Camp next week for three days. Year 5 attend Weymouth Outdoor Centre for climbing, rock hopping and canoeing next Monday & Tuesday. We wish good weather on them all! The Year 6 trip to Springhead is in late June/early July and final planning is taking place. Thanks to all teachers and assistants for giving their time to these important activities. The children in Mrs Holloway's class enjoyed their recent visit to Kingston Maurward made possible as a child in the class won a competition.



Children Support

You will be pleased to learn that I was successful in my bids for funding a holiday playscheme and a school breakfast club. The Dorset Children's Fund provides funding. Further details to follow. Mrs Holloway was successful in obtaining funding for a visit of the Life Education Bus.



Africa Week

This takes place between 23 –27 June and I have arranged for a large exhibition of a Ghanaian village called Sankofa to be in our hall all week. On 26 June pupils will engage in African Dance and Music with Zubida Movements. Classes will follow a different curriculum that week based upon Africa that will include artwork, which Mr Kay will arrange for display. The week builds nicely upon the terrific work and concert 'Anansi the Spider Drummer' carried out by Year 4 and 5 children and their teachers last term. What a great night that was – it was rewarding to work alongside the Dorset Music Service and the Quangle Wangle Choir.



School Photographs.

Class photographs have gone out today. What smart and handsome children they look! If you have any queries about the photographs speak to Mrs Cross in the office.



Sports News

Well done to the football team who recently won the inter-schools' indoor tournament at Wey Valley. Also to the netball team who were runners up in the tournament at Budmouth. Several children will be representing the school at the hockey festival on 21st June.



Tesco Computer Vouchers

Mrs Roper is collecting these to purchase digital cameras for pupils to use.

Other events.

Lets hope for good sunshine for Year 5 who have again entered the Borough's Sunflower Competition. Cycling Proficiency training begins on Tuesday 3rd June – Mrs Seex will send out further information to pupils.

There is a Theatre Show on Monday 9th June. Kosmic Krew will be shown to all pupils at a small charge. Further details to follow.

A reminder that the PTFA Garden Party is being held on Friday 27th June from 6 – 8 pm and will be great fun. There will be a special ticket draw linked to this event. My thanks to the parents who are organising this. Can you help? If so please contact Debbie Shutts.



Works to the school

During the Easter break we completed the works to build a school library and study area in the mobile in the small playground. This is now open and is a great asset to help pupils with their learning.

The old clinic has had new windows and doors and has been 'gutted' inside. We are now planning the interior to set up a food technology area.

The ICT suite will be extended before the Summer Break and open with additional pupil facilities from September.

Unit 3 – classes 1H and 3L has been redecorated and a new carpet put down.

Shortly we redecorate the outside of the building



Uniform Grant

Due to budget pressures the Governors have decided to limit the grant for uniform to £10 per eligible child. This will be in the form of a school sweat-shirt or cardigan. Mrs Cross in the office will be able to provide support to parents on the matter.



Assessment and Reports

Year 2 are currently taking their SATs test.

Next week the Year 6 pupils take their national SATs test. The following week pupils in Years 3,4 and 5 sit tests. Pupils have been working hard all year so I want to wish them all the best.

Well done.

The school has been chosen to host a visit in late June from the Chief Executive and Directors of the County Council. This is a great honour and is due to the commitment and enthusiasm of everyone at Bincombe Valley.

Best wishes

Mr Strong



