

Bincombe Valley Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back.

It is lovely to welcome everyone back after the school 'summer' holidays. According to the weather men it would seem that a spell of long sunny weather is on the way. I hope so!

It is nice to see all the children back, looking so smart in their school uniforms.

You will find along with this newsletter other information about the school. This includes a Home & School agreement for every child which I would ask you to read, sign and return to the school within the **next week**. Home & School agreements are supported by the government and set out how we can work together to support your child.

You will also receive a leaflet that outlines the developments planned for the school over the next year. If you want to know more about any specific development, or assist in any way then please let me know or contact the teacher concerned. Again these developments are aimed at improving school life for your child.

I also enclose some information about our response to poor behaviour in school - 'The Red Box' scheme. I believe it is important for all children to have an uninterrupted learning experience and not to put up with unacceptable behaviour from others. Of course there will be times when children experience emotional upset and this can cause them to display inappropriate behaviour. We would always aim to support pupils at these times.

Sometimes the emotional upset can come from home so I would ask you to let us know if there is ever any upset at home which might affect your child.

This year we are embarking on the government's SEAL project which looks at social and emotional aspects of learning. During the year we will be sending out information and running some sessions for families.

We are also working with Dorset Local Authority and the D.C.S.F. on a mental health project. This scheme deals with improving the mental health of all children so they feel happier about themselves.

Classes this year.

The chart below shows your child's class, their teacher and the teaching assistants supporting them.

Classes	Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Class N Nursery	Mrs George	Mrs Eggleton Mrs Garbutt
Class 1 and 2 Reception Unit	Mrs Cobb and Mrs Holloway	Mrs Dixon Mrs Pruet
Class 3 and 4 Year 1 Unit	Mrs Rankin, Mrs Britton and Mrs Why (was Miss Matthews)	Mrs Fitzpatrick Mrs Upton Miss Jones Mrs Vallard
Class 5 Year 2 Unit	Mrs White	Mrs Taylor Mrs Boffy
Class 6 Year 3 Junior Block	Mrs Masino	Mrs Clarke
Class 7 Year 4 Junior Block	Mrs Mason	Miss Carter
Class 8 Year 4 Junior Block	Mrs Bell	Mrs Matthews
Class 9 Year 5 Junior Block	Mr Leadley	Mrs Why
Class 10 Year 6 Junior Block	Mr Kay	Mrs Gough Mrs Withers
Pupil Support	Key Stage 2	Mrs Seex Ms Farmer Miss Chance

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

School Information.

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.

The school prospectus has recently been updated and provides full information about the school. If you would like a hard-copy then please contact the school office.

In regard to Child Protection please let the school know in writing if you do not wish your child to appear in any school publications, articles in the press or on our website.

Breakfast Club, 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 have some spaces so if you are interested please contact Sue at Breakfast Club or Sarah and Cathy in the School Office.

We continue to encourage children to bring in a healthy break snack such as fruit or a fruit/breakfast bar, rather than crisps or chocolate. Many children bring in a bottle of water to drink during the day and this is a good idea. Note that sweets are not permitted.

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. Contact the School Office for more information.

School Clubs

Mr Upton has recently sent out a letter detailing sports clubs running this term. If you didn't receive this letter then let us know. Other teachers will write shortly to let you know about the newspaper club and the Green Finger Gang (Gardening Club).

Year 4 String Tuition

This academic year we have been able to arrange for the Dorset Music Service to provide free weekly tuition to play a stringed instrument. Mrs Mason and Mrs Bell will work alongside the two music teachers from the music service.

Dates for the School Year

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 pupils are:

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

The following events and dates have been set:

Monday 28th September 3.05 pm Key Stage 2 (Juniors) Meet the class teacher.

Tuesday 29th September 3.05 pm Key Stage 1 (Infants) Meet the class teacher.

These two sessions are for you to find out what your child is learning this year. Please go straight to your child's class after school.

Tuesday 13th October School Photographer.

Wednesday 21st October Harvest Festival led by Year 6 – School Hall. Proceeds to Weymouth Lantern.

Monday 9th November 'Be a Buddy not a Bully' Week.

Thursday 26th November Pantomime 'Peter Pan' by M&M Productions – School Hall.

The dates of Christmas events will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

Tuesday 2nd February UNICEF 'Day for Change'. A sponsored event as a Rights Respecting School.

Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th Parents Consultations with Class teachers.

Monday 29th March Whole School 'Theme Week'.

Monday 10th to Friday 14th May – Year 6 SATs. No absence will be approved this week for Year 6 pupils.

Monday 17th to Friday 21st May – Year 3, 4 and 5 QCA Test. No absence will be approved for children in these year groups.

Monday 24th to Tuesday 25th May Year 5 Trip to Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre (Mr Leadley).

Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th May Year 4 Trip to Carey Camp (Mrs Bell and Mrs Mason).

Monday 21st to Friday 25th June Year 6 Trip to Springhead (Mr Kay and Mr Strong).

Thursday 1st July Year 3 Sleepover (Mrs Masino).

Tuesday 13th to Friday 16th July Chesil Education Partnership 'Primary College' for Year 6.

Tuesday 20th July Sponsored Walk and Family Picnic.

Best Wishes

Les Strong

Headteacher

