



Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to the beginning of the school year. I trust you have had a good summer holiday but are pleased to see the children back at school.

Year 6 Class arrangements

I have been approached by Mr Kay and Mr Upton to request some minor changes to their class lists which they have stated will improve teaching provision and better accommodate the learning needs of the children. I have agreed to their request and asked them to discuss and explain this to the Year 6 pupils. Some pupils have therefore had their registration group changed in order to make this happen. If you have any query then please arrange to speak to the teachers. We welcome Mr Simon Broom as an additional teaching assistant to the Upper Key stage 2 team and he will work alongside Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Year 2 Class arrangements

We welcome Mrs Kelly Glover as a teaching assistant working with our pupils in this year group.

Pupil News

We have 42 children joining our Reception classes with Mrs Cobb and Mrs White. We also welcome back four former pupils and six new pupils to our school.

Remember that if you have any general questions to ask then speak to Jo or Vicky in the school office.

Holiday in Term Time

In line with the policy adopted by all schools in Weymouth & Portland (Chesil Education Partnership) I am not able to authorise any holiday in school term time. There is still a need to complete a holiday form if you decide to go away so we are aware of your child's absence and don't involve the local authority. All holiday leave in term time is deemed to be unauthorised. The aim of this policy is to ensure all pupils receive the maximum number of days teaching throughout the year as there is a direct link to attendance and attainment. A copy of the Chesil Education Partnership Policy can be obtained from the school office.

Events planned to date

Tuesday 20th September - General meeting of parents and teachers Years R, 1 & 2 from 2.20 – 2.40
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 2.40 – 3.00 pm

Friday 30th September – 50th Anniversary Day Celebration: 1960s dress up assembly in the morning 9.00 – 9.20 followed by afternoon picnic and music in the afternoon from 2.15 to close

Wednesday 19th October – Harvest Celebration

Monday to Friday 7th – 11th November School Book Fair ending with book character day

Thursday 24th November Pantomime 'Aladdin'

Wednesday & Thursday 7th & 8th December - Infant Christmas Show

Thursday 8th December – Christmas bingo 6.30 pm

Monday 12th December – KS1 Christingle

Tuesday 13th December Junior Carol Concert (am), Carols around the Tree (pm)

Wednesday 14th December Infant Christmas Party

Thursday 15th December Junior Christmas Party

Wednesday & Thursday 8th March – Parent Meetings with Teachers

Monday to Wednesday 26th – 28th March - Year 4 Residential to Leeson House

Friday 30th March - Easter Service

Thursday & Friday 26th & 27th April - Year 5 Weymouth Outdoor Education Activity Centre

Monday to Friday 14th – 18th May – Year 6 National Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)

Monday to Friday 18th – 22nd June - Olympic Theme Week including Sports Afternoon

Monday to Friday 25th – 29th June – Year 6 residential visit to Springhead

Friday 6th July – Summer Fete

Tuesday to Friday 10th – 13th July - Year 6 Transition Day & Primary College

Wednesday 18th July – Year 6 Show (evening performance)

Best wishes

Leslie Strong, Headteacher.

Bincombe Valley Primary School



TERM DATES 2011 – 2012

Autumn Term 2011

Monday 5th September – Inset day

Tuesday 6th September – First day of Autumn Term – Back to School

Thursday 20th October – Break up for ½ Term

Friday 21st October – Inset Day

Monday 31st October – First day after break – Back to School

Friday 16th December – Last day of Term

Spring Term 2012

Tuesday 3rd January – First day of Spring Term – Back to School

Thursday 9th February – Break up for ½ Term

Friday 10th February – Inset Day

Monday 20th February – First day after break – Back to School

Friday 30th March – Last day of Term

Summer Term 2012

Monday 16th April – First day of Summer Term – Back to School

Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday

Thursday 31st May – Break up for ½ Term

Friday 1st June – Inset Day

Monday 11th June – First day after break – Back to School

Friday 20th July – Last day of Term – Summer Holidays

Monday 23rd July – Inset Day