

# Bincombe Valley Primary School



## Newsletter Number 80

March 2010

The recent Parent Consultation meetings went very well and I hope you found the information given to you by class teachers useful in letting you know how your child is doing at school.

### **Curriculum Activity.**

As part of our post OFSTED work, teachers have been using a national assessment scheme (APP) to focus on their judgements of the children's attainment in reading, writing and mathematics.

For children in years 5 and 6 we have purchased thirty laptops for class use as we increase the expectations of children's use of ICT to support their learning. These laptops which are charged and stored in an ICT Lap Safe have wireless capability for internet access and recharge over night.

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have had outdoor activities arranged for them which broadens curriculum opportunity. If you haven't yet let us know about their attendance at Carey Camp, Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre or Springhead in the summer term then please do so by returning the slip below asap.

Year 4 Carey Camp Wednesday 26th May to Friday 28th May 2010 led by Mrs Bell and Mrs Mason. The cost is £65.

Year 5 WOEC Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May led by Mr Upton and Mr Leadley. The cost is £55.

Year 6 Springhead Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25th June led by Mr Strong and Mr Kay. The cost is £105.

In order to support the personal development of some of our pupils we have begun to run a Well Being at Bincombe (WEB) Club, every Thursday after school. As the name suggests, the club aims to support children by raising their self esteem and well being. If you think your own child might benefit then do contact me directly.

Later this term the KS2 pupils will engage in the Spring into Life programme organised by the local churches in Weymouth.

All our pupils from nursery to Year 6 will take part in our Theme week which we have rescheduled to run from 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June to tie in with the football World Cup taking part in South Africa. Each class will learn about the customs and traditions of a different country and share this at the end of the week with each other. You might be able to help or offer some items for show, so here is a list of the classes and the countries they will study.

Class N	Switzerland
Class 1	U.S.A.
Class 2	Mexico
Class 3	Denmark
Class 4	France
Class 5	Spain
Class 6	Italy
Class 7	Japan
Class 8	Argentina
Class 9	Australia
Class10	New Zealand

### **School Staff.**

We have welcomed back Mrs Britton to Year 1 following her maternity leave. Currently Mrs Masino in Year 3 is absent due to illness and her class is being covered by Mrs Litt. At the end of the term we say a fond farewell to Cathy in the office who moves to Wales.

### **Dorset County Council Annual Review of School Performance & School Attendance.**

It is pleasing to report that we have again been judged as a very good performing school by Dorset County Council following our annual review last week. They also agree with the measures we are taking to continually improve what we do for your children. The review also shows attendance improving well. If every child now arrived in school on time that would be even better news. If your child is absent from school or running late we have now installed a telephone message service. You can let us know at any time by selecting 'Absence' when you call and leaving a message.

### **Home Access Computer Scheme.**

The government have recently introduced a scheme which helps more families to get online at home and is aimed at those in most need. Eligible families can apply for a grant from the scheme and could receive a computer. Further information can be found on [www.homeaccess.org.uk](http://www.homeaccess.org.uk) which you can access, perhaps on a friend's computer or at the local library or by phoning 0333 200 1004 for an application pack.

### **Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tests – notice for parents of Year 6 pupils.**

The date of the SATs for Year 6 pupils is **Monday 10th to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010.**

All pupils must attend school and no leave of absence will be granted.

### **Sports News.**

Well done to the netball team, coached by Mrs Mason who won 13-1 against Southwell School last Thursday and to the football team, coached by Mr Upton who made the semi-finals of the Nash Cup last Friday before a 1-0 loss to St Augustine's School.

### **UNICEF News.**

Having received a Rights Respecting Schools Award, a small group of our children in Year 6 performed the song they had composed to an audience of over 600 people at a special concert held at St Osmond's School in Dorchester. It was wonderful concert and I would like to thank Millie, Shannon, Aimee, Summer, Chloe and Jessica for being so brilliant! Later that week we handed in our Haiti Collection of £280 to UNICEF. Well done to all the children for their terrific response.

### **School Uniform.**

A reminder that we have sweatshirts for sale in the school office – these cost £9. We also have some nearly new sweatshirts costing £3 and caps for £3. Please can all school clothing be named.

Please can parents make sure children wear sensible shoes at school rather than trainers and high heeled shoes. Often such items cost more than a pair of sturdy school shoes and are less hardwearing. Also could girls with long hair keep it tied back for safety and health reasons.

### **Family Learning Courses – Spring and Summer 2010.**

Dorset Active Learning have organised a series of 6 x 2 hour courses that take place at Weymouth Adult Learning Centre on the Dorchester Road. Children can attend some with their parents too.

1. Keeping up with the children in Maths
2. Keeping up with the children in English
3. Home / Communication via the Internet
4. Art & Crafts from Round the World
5. Fun Science

For further information please contact Mary Appleton on 01305 830663 or the Extended Schools' Officer on 01305 750686.

### **Easter Holiday activity – news from Hayley Goodwin.**

Are you bored walking round the streets all day? Do you get fed up of having nothing to do? Do you enjoy going on trips, cooking, craft, dancing, drama and games? Well have I got news for you ...

The Littlemoor Community Action Group is running some AMAZING fun days and trips for children aged 8 - 11 in the Easter Holidays! On Friday 9th they will be going to Crealy Adventure Park and on Friday 16th to Paignton Zoo. On the Tuesday and Thursday of each week they will be having fun days at Littlemoor Community Centre and the surrounding area. This will include games, drama, craft, street dance, a walk and picnic, cooking and much more. The cost of the trips is £10 and for the fun days it's £2. Forms are available from Bincombe Valley School office, Littlemoor Library, and St Francis church.

Our School Website is [www.bincombe.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.bincombe.dorset.sch.uk) where you will find more information about our school.

Best Wishes, *Les Strong*, Headteacher

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Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Carey/WOEC/Springhead (tick)

I would like my child to attend \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish my child to attend \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return before Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March to the School Office**