

# Bincombe Valley Primary School



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## **Curriculum Events**

As we are getting closer to the trips for years 4, 5 and 6 – Carey Camp, WOEC and Springhead please can I ask for all money to be in at least a week before the visits.

Year 4 Carey Camp - Wednesday 26th May to Friday 28th May 2010 .The cost is £65.

Year 5 WOEC - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. The cost is £55.

Year 6 Springhead - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25th June. The cost is £105.

Weymouth Swimming Pool remains closed due to boiler breakdown. We hope to move any missed lessons for Year 4 pupils to early September. We will let parents know when the pool is open.

Our pupils from nursery to Year 6 will take part in our Theme week, which runs from 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June. It will tie in with the football World Cup 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 one other.

Here is a list of the classes and the countries they will study.

Class N Switzerland	Class 6 Italy
Class 1 U.S.A.	Class 7 Japan
Class 2 Mexico	Class 8 Argentina
Class 3 Denmark	Class 9 Australia
Class 4 France	Class 10 New Zealand
Class 5 Spain	Mr Upton/Mr Strong South Africa/Nigeria

## **School Staff.**

We have welcomed back Mrs Guppy from her secondment. Mrs Masino in Year 3 (Class 6) remains ill and so to ensure stability and continuity Mrs Guppy is now the assigned teacher for the class. We also welcome to our school office Mrs Vicky Short as our new finance officer.

## **SATs and QCA Tests for Years 3 – 6.**

A reminder that next week is our Year 6 SATs week, with children taking national tests in reading, writing and Mathematics. Mr Kay, the class assistants and of course the children have really worked very hard in preparation for next week and I wish them all the very best. It is their chance to let their light shine. It is very important that all Year 6 pupils are in school next week but if there is a problem please contact me directly. Later in the week and part of the following week pupils in Years 3-5 also take tests in these areas of learning. The tests form part of our overall assessment of your child's progress. Results from the tests will be sent to you in end of year annual reports.

## **Home Access Computer Scheme.**

Another reminder about this scheme. It 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 to receive a computer. Further information can be found on [www.homeaccess.org.uk](http://www.homeaccess.org.uk) or phone 0333 200 1004.

## **School Clubs.**

It is really great to see the junior pupils on a Friday afternoon at the athletics club enjoying themselves so much. The club is organised by Mr Upton and he is assisted by several volunteer parents who give freely of their time. Thank you to them. The team is preparing for the District Athletic on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> June. Well done also to the Year 4 football team who competed so well at the Chickerell Festival yesterday. For our younger pupils we now have a weekly mid-day skipping club and for our juniors a weekly cheer-leading club.

## **School Uniform**

Have you any uniform still in reasonable condition that your children have grown out that you could donate to the school so we can help other children. If so please contact Jo in the school office.

## **Shiver me timbers!**

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2 classes will enjoy a Pirates Day next Friday during the school day. The teachers will be sending out more details about this to you. Smooth sailin', an' fair winds t' ye!

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