

Bincombe Valley Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support during what has been another happy, busy and successful year at Bincombe Valley. Dorset Local Authority carried out a visit and wrote in their report:

'Bincombe Valley School is steeped in good family values that serve well the vulnerable nature of many of its pupils. The journey allowed me to witness at first hand how the Headteacher and staff provide emotional security and academic development for all children through the family values that permeate the school. There are consistent high expectations placed across all staff and pupils and without exception I saw a happy, engaged school community where pupils and staff exhibited much pride and respect for each other. The comments provided in my notes on the evidence trail demonstrate the impact on learning and teaching of the well designed and appropriate action plan. I have no doubt that the plan is having a positive impact on the learning of all pupils.'

Enjoy your summer holiday with the children. A reminder that there are events happening at the local library and at Lorton Meadows during the holidays which your children might enjoy taking part in.

The School Fete was a great success and raised almost £1500. The PTFA are looking to spend funds on outdoor play equipment through the school. A BIG thank you to the PTFA members.

We have just completed new fencing and garden work to the Nursery and this has helped open up the area, giving more light and space for the children.

We have established links with three other schools, as we raise the children's awareness of the diversity of cultures in the world around them. We are linking with a school in London, a school in the Chogoria region of Kenya, as part of our UNICEF 'Rights Respecting Schools' activity and finally with a school in Louviers (Weymouth & Portland's Twinning town in France) as part of our teaching of French in the Juniors.

We have recently completed our School Profile, a government requirement, and this can be found on the DirectGov website.

Annual Reports for each pupil have been sent out along with class lists for next academic year and school term dates.

Information on our school uniform is shown below:

Grey school skirt/pinafore dress/trousers/shorts.

Girls may prefer to wear blue gingham dresses in summer.

Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with embroidered logo. £9 from the school office.

Polo shirts in blue/white with embroidered logo or plain white.

Shoes should be a sensible colour and style – no trainers.

White/grey ankle/knee length socks (or grey tights).

Physical education and sport

Plimsolls, trainers, blue or black shorts and white tee shirt. No football shirts.

Warm top and jogging bottoms for outside games.

Jewellery and hair

Please note that if earrings are worn they must be of a stud type. They are to be removed for PE/Games.

No other jewellery is permitted to be worn in school.

Hair should be neat and tidy – long hair to be tied back. Short but not shaven or marked hairstyles. No make up or nail varnish.

We will be selling nearly new uniform on the first Monday back.

We say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they move to go to their secondary schools. They are a lovely group of children and have been great ambassadors for the school – I wish them all the very best. Next Wednesday at 9.00 a.m. they will be presenting their Year 6 show 'Prince Charming', You are warmly invited to attend and watch their performance in the School Hall. On Thursday we hold our Leavers Assembly at 9.00 a.m. in the School Hall. Please feel free to join us.

Please note that school ends at 3.00 p.m on Thursday 22nd July and children return to school on Monday 6th September.

Best Wishes, Les Strong, Headteacher