

Bincombe Valley Primary School



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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to all parents and children. A special welcome to all the new children and their parents who have joined the school for the first time. I wish you all the best during your time at Bincombe Valley Primary School and know that your child will do well as we are a very good school. The partnership between the home and the school is very important to me. If you have any concerns or worries then please speak to the class teacher. We look for all parents to support the school in regards to the school uniform, matters of discipline and in assisting their children with their reading and homework. It is lovely to see the children looking so smart. During the week we are selling nearly new uniform in the school hall, please see the notice on the school gates.

Information on our school uniform is shown below:

Grey school skirt/pinafore dress/trousers/shorts.

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.

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

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. No make up or nail varnish.

Hair should be neat and tidy, long hair to be tied back and no shaven or marked hairstyles.

I also welcome a new teacher to our staff, Mrs Eloise Brookes who joins the Year 5 team but will also be working as Music Leader throughout the school. She is keen to start a school choir for our older pupils and will be letting them know about this shortly. We also welcome back Mrs Rachel Anderson who continues to work within the Key Stage 1 team.

A reminder that we are trying to set up with Dorset Music Service, individual tuition of instruments during the afternoons. They have not yet finalised their arrangements but we will let interested parents know the details as soon as we get them.

Mr Upton has organised a range of sports clubs and has sent a letter out today, which needs to be returned as soon as possible.

We attach for your attention, two leaflets, one gives dates for the year and the other outlines our School Development Plan for 2010-2011.

A reminder about attendance and punctuality at school. We expect children to be at school by 8.45am ready for the bell at 8.50am. Children need to be picked up at 3.00pm. We are still being reminded by Government to further improve our overall attendance. Sadly we have had to approach the Local Authority to take legal action against parents whose children are not attending school. The Governors have asked me to remind parents that we will grant holiday leave in exceptional circumstances. Five school days can be authorised. We of course understand genuine situations where longer leave of absence is requested but I hope parents can recognise the pressures placed upon us. Of course any absence from school will impact upon a child's learning and our drive to continue to raise standards. Please telephone the school on 01305 832329 as soon as your child is absent. We have a dedicated absence message service.

You will see from the list of dates we have a charity fund raiser for Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) on Friday 17th September. We are asking children to dress up in the brightest colours they can and donate a pound towards sponsoring Mr Kay from Year 6 who is taking part in the Great North Run on Sunday 19th September to raise money for the charity. I hope you can support him.

Best Wishes, Les Strong, Headteacher