



Dear Parents,

Fund Raising Group

Following yesterday's meeting of the PTFA the decision was made to rename and refocus the group as the Bincombe Valley Fund Raising Group. Its aim would be to continue to arrange and organise events to raise funds for specific school items not met by the school's budget. I would like to thank this small group of committed individuals for giving so much of their time and energy for all our school community. They have made a positive and valuable contribution to school life.

The Group was able to donate £2000 as a contribution towards the new KS1 and 2 Play Equipment which had cost £12,000. The Group will contact you shortly about their organisation and some planned events. I can though confirm that the Christmas Bingo will be on 8th December and that the School Fete/Fun Afternoon will be on Friday 22nd June.

Class arrangements and the curriculum

Following on from my last newsletter, next Tuesday 20th September we invite you to visit your child's class and find out about the daily structure, the curriculum being followed and how you can play your part in support of your child's education. The meetings will not focus on individual pupils.

We understand that due to work commitments you may find it difficult to make the meeting and if this is the case let your child's class teacher know, as they may provide some written information.

Parents are invited into the Reception class and Years 1 and 2 from 2.20 pm and Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 from 2.40 pm.

It would be nice to see a large turn-out.

Home to School Agreements

This important document, which outlines the commitments of the school, home and pupil to school life will be distributed for signing following the first full governors meeting. The agreement recognises the role and responsibility we all share to ensure your child gets the best out of their time at Bincombe.

Enquiries Procedure

It is really important that all adults involved in the life of the school followed the agreed protocols in connection to dealing with enquires. If the enquiry is of a general nature then please speak to Jo or Vicky in the school Office. If the enquiry is specific to a child, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance but remember to make an appointment if at all possible through the school office. If an issue concerns whole school matters or policy please contact me.

I am disappointed to hear that a few adults connected to the school are using *Facebook* to post personal inappropriate views about our school and its staff. It can be the case that any individual has a concern or an issue to raise, but this is not the best way to resolve it.

Visit from Dorset County Council

Today we have had a visit from our School Evaluation Advisor who took a tour of the school and discussed our standards. His closing remark was that we are a highly impressive school – our test results were very good, the learning attitude of the pupils was very strong and the school had a calm and caring atmosphere. Well done to all!

Refurbishment of the Learning Zone

We have completed the project to completely refurbish the old base to a very high standard of accommodation. The works included new windows, flooring, fixture and fittings and redecoration. The 'Learning Zone' as it will be known, will open for pupils on Monday. I appreciate the work Mr Shutts has carried out to see this project completed within the time scale and budget.

Key Stage 2 SATs results have now been confirmed. It is really impressive to note that almost 90% of Year 6 achieved the national level in writing, 82% in Reading and English and almost 80% in Mathematics. The current Year 6, now in Mr Kay's and Mr Upton's, are going to have to work their socks-off to match or better this, but I know they can do it, if they give their full commitment and are well supported at home

Our 50th Birthday Celebration takes place on Friday 30th September We are inviting children to dress up in 60s gear at our celebration assembly and then join our party/picnic with their parents at 2.15 on the school field. Come along dressed up – ready to dance to some of the music of that period! The children will also enjoy a piece of our 'big' cake.

School Cardigans

We have just received delivery of a small stock of BVPS cardigans. These will be available from the school office at a cost of £10.00 each.

Best wishes

Leslie Strong, Headteacher.