

Badshot Lea Village Infant School

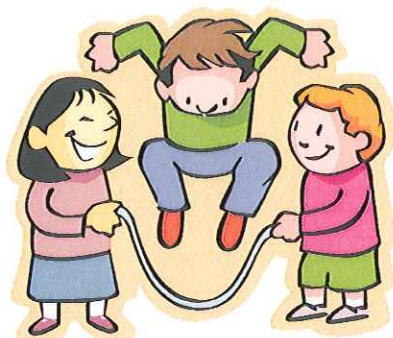
Curriculum News Autumn Term 2010



Welcome

Welcome to our Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter. We hope you find the following information useful.

Whole School Themes for the Autumn Term



For the first half of the Autumn Term we will be learning about healthy lifestyles, encompassing all areas of the curriculum, through our theme Healthy and Happy. There will be opportunities for the children to take part in lots of physical activities including Fun Fitness during our 'WOW' Day on Thursday 14th October. The children will be learning about keeping healthy: eating fruit and vegetables; drinking water; taking regular physical exercise; and enjoying growing up and learning. The Fun Fitness sessions will be just that - FUN.

During the second half of term we will be learning about Patterns and Festivals. Our whole school 'WOW' Day for this theme will be on Thursday 18th November when all the children will be involved in making patterns in a range of workshops organised throughout the school. There are a number of festivals we will be sharing with the children including: Diwali and Dashain which are both Hindu festivals; Hanukah the Jewish Festival of Light; Remembrance Day; St Andrew's Day and of course Christmas.



Healthy Schools Award

We were first awarded Healthy Schools status in 2007. We are now working towards the Healthy Schools Award at the Enhanced Level. This involves evaluating some of the work we did to gain the first award and developing new ideas to support our school community in living healthy lifestyles.

The change from servery to our new 'cooking kitchen' has been a significant development for the beginning of this year. Our chef prepares and cooks fresh ingredients each day for school dinner. The menu is very popular with the children and we hope that those parents who had the opportunity to join their child for lunch enjoyed the experience. Members of the School Council will be asking for your views shortly.

If your child currently has packed lunch and would like to try school dinner, please see Mrs Stairs in the school office. At £2 per meal they are very good value for money.

As part of our work towards the Healthy Schools Award we have recently reviewed a number of school policies with members of the Children and Learning Committee of the Governing Body including: Drug and Alcohol Education; and Sex and Relationship Education.

The Drug and Alcohol Education Policy Statement is very much to do with our children developing an awareness of keeping safe. They will learn about the basic ways in which the body needs to be looked after, how some people (nurses / doctors) can help and that some things (electrical items / hot water / medicines) can be dangerous and should not be touched. They will also learn about co-operation, taking turns, making decisions, consequences of their actions and valuing one another. As the children progress through the school they will learn simple safety rules about medicines, tablets, solvents and household substances.

The Sex and Relationship Education Policy Statement is concerned with lifelong learning about physical, moral and emotional development. It begins informally in the home with parents and carers long before any formal education takes place at school and is to do with: managing emotions; respecting and caring for each other; and knowing that changes take place as you grow up (from crawling to walking / from burbling to talking / from baby to toddler).

It is a requirement that our school has both a Drug and Alcohol Education and Sex and Relationship Education policy. The Governing Body would very much like to hear your views on both these policies which may be accessed from our school website on www.badshot-lea-school.org.uk go to Parents Information then Policies. Alternatively, a copy of each policy can be found on the notice board outside the school office. In particular the Governing Body would like to know if you would welcome the opportunity to learn more about the content of either or both subject area as it relates to children at Badshot Lea. It would be helpful if you could make any response to Mrs Weir, Mrs Strachan, or if you prefer, to Sue our Home School Link Worker, by Friday 15th October.

Autumn Term Workshops

We look forward to welcoming parents to the following workshops:

Date and Time	Year Group	Subject
Wednesday 6 th October at 2.30pm In the School Hall	1 and 2	Number Bags
Monday 11 th October at 7.30pm In the School Hall	Reception	EYFS and Numeracy
Wednesday 13 th October at 2.30pm In the School Hall	1 and 2	Number Bags
Monday 18 th October at 7.30pm In the School Hall	Reception	Literacy

