

Badshot Lea Village Infant School

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations Badshot Lea!

Our school has been featured in a Schools Case Study Guide, 'Supporting Sustainable Schools in the South East' produced by the Government Office for the South East. There are some delightful photographs in the publication together with a two page article about our school. A copy of the article is attached to this newsletter.

Healthy Schools Group

We have recently held a Healthy Schools Group meeting to discuss our development plans for the remainder of this school year. As a result of our meeting Juliette Tommons (parent of Rosie in Sky Class and Parent Governor) is kindly up-dating the section on Healthy Schools on our school website. In addition we will be moving forward with our ideas on developing a School Council - more on this soon.

One item that we discussed at length was the use of water bottles in school. It has come to our notice that school water bottles are being used for juice, which is not what they were intended for. They were always intended for water only. The purpose of using the school bottles just for water is to highlight to the children the importance of drinking plenty of water. The children's water bottles are available to them all day and they are encouraged to drink from them during school time. If your child brings juice for playtime or to have with packed lunch it should not be in a school water bottle. If you have mislaid your child's school water bottle you can purchase a new one, priced £1.50, from the school office. In addition, Mrs Stairs has new water bottle tops for sale priced 50 pence each.

Around the World Day

To coincide with World Book Day and as part of our whole school theme for this half term we are having an 'Around the World Day' next Thursday, 5th March. All the children will 'travel' the world during the course of the day and enjoy a variety of activities from different countries. They will have their own 'passport' and finish the day with a feast of food!

It is also 'dressing up' day next Thursday. Children can come to school on 'Around the World Day' in an outfit from anywhere around the world. Once you have decided on your country, it would be great if you could find some information out about your country. There are a couple of books (on the small round table just inside the main doors) that might help you decide on an outfit and give you some information. Alternatively you may like to use the Usborne Quick Links website at www.usborne-quicklinks.com and click on geography where you will find various sites to help with costumes, flags and information. We look forward to everyone 'dressing up' next Thursday in a host of different outfits from around the world.

Maths Targets

The maths targets for each year group for this term are attached to this newsletter. I hope you find the information useful.

School Book Club

Also with this newsletter comes the latest School Book Club Brochure. If you would like to order any items from the brochure please complete the order form, returning it to school, along with your full payment (cheques made payable to BLVIST please) in a named and labelled envelope by Friday 6th March at the latest. Our school gains commission on the sale of all items from the School Book Club Brochure, which we take as books for the school library. The more books ordered, the more books we have for the library. Happy browsing!

Giant Easter Egg Competition!

We are helping the Lions of Farnham raise funds to support Surrey Air Ambulance with a Giant Easter Egg Competition. All you have to do is 'guess the lion's name and win the Easter Egg ... and the lion!' There are 100 names to choose from - just write your name in the box of your choice, with your name and contact number on the reverse. Each name costs £1. You can see the Giant Easter Egg and the cuddly lion at the school office, where you can also take part in the competition.

Vouchers

We are currently collecting both Sainsbury's Active Kids and Tesco Vouchers. Our children have benefitted greatly from both schemes and we look forward to exchanging vouchers for equipment and apparatus to support our work on physical exercise, keeping healthy, cooking and ICT. The more vouchers we can collect the more apparatus and experiences we can give our children. So, please start collecting and ask your friends, neighbours and relations to do the same. Thank you.

Red Nose Day!

Red Nose Day is set for Friday 13th March - a couple of weeks off yet. We have red noses for sale priced £1 each available from the school office. Please help us raise funds for Comic Relief by purchasing your red nose at school. Thank you.

Marie Curie Cancer Daffodil Appeal

We are also collecting for the Marie Curie Cancer Daffodil Appeal. A collecting tin can be found by the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Weir

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 5 th March	Around the World Day.
Tuesday 10 th March	Drumming Workshop for year 2 children at Heath End School.
Friday 13 th March	Red Nose Day.
Wednesday 25 th March	Easter Tea kindly arranged by The Friends - details to follow.
Thursday 2 nd April	We will be taking the children to St George's Church for our Easter Service.
Friday 3 rd April	Easter Egg Hunt kindly arranged by The Friends. We finish at 3pm for the Easter Holiday.
Monday 20 th April	We will be CLOSED today whilst the staff engage in professional development activities.
Tuesday 21 st April	We return to school today.
Monday 4 th May	Public Holiday - we will be CLOSED today.
Friday 22 nd May	We finish at 3pm for the half term holiday.
Monday 1 st June	We will be CLOSED today whilst the staff engage in professional development.
Tuesday 2 nd June	We return to school today.
Wednesday 10 th June	Summer Tea kindly arranged by The Friends - details to follow.
Saturday 27 th June	Farnham Carnival - please put this date in your diary!
Saturday 4 th July	Sports and Summer Fair - please put this date in your diary!
Tuesday 21 st July	The children finish at 3pm for the Summer Holiday.
Wednesday 22 nd July	We will be CLOSED today.
Thursday 3 rd September	The children return to school today.