

Badshot Lea Village Infant School

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Dear Parents,

It is difficult to believe we are rushing towards the end of the Spring Term and Easter. We have enjoyed many activities and events this term, with several Easter related activities planned for next week. Excitement is certainly mounting in anticipation of the Easter Egg Hunt!

Red Nose Day!

Thank you to everyone who 'dressed in mess' on Red Nose Day. We clearly have very creative parents as some of the outfits were just amazing. It was really pleasing to see that many children had used old clothes and clearly had enjoyed 'messing' them up. A great way to recycle and enjoy yourself at the same time! Thank you also for purchasing red noses from the school office. Through your generosity and support we raised £266.99 for Comic Relief. Well done everyone!

Easter Tea

Thank you to everyone who helped on the day, made cakes and other delicious items, and attended the Easter Tea kindly hosted by The Friends earlier this week. A fantastic £120 was raised. Well done everyone!

Farnham Carnival 2009

Thank you to those parents and families who have already sent their ideas in to school for our Farnham Carnival 2009 entry. There is still time for you to submit any ideas - we will be meeting next Wednesday (1st April) at 2pm to discuss all the ideas and come to a decision about our school theme. All ideas are very welcome - the overall theme this year is 'Myths and Legends', so we are looking for ideas that will translate easily into costumes that are easy to source or make and have impact. Anyone who would like to contribute to the discussion about our school theme (even if you have not had the opportunity to submit ideas on paper) would be very welcome to attend the meeting at 2pm on Wednesday 1st April at school. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your ideas.

School Lunch Menu

With this letter comes the School Lunch Menu for the Spring and Summer. I hope you will take the opportunity to look at the pamphlet. If, having looked at the menu choice, your child would like to change from packed lunch to hot school dinner do please talk to Mrs Stairs in the school office. Thank you.

School Grounds Development

Fingers crossed for fine weather tomorrow as staff, parents and Governors start the School Grounds 'Spring Clean' and the next stage of the grounds development. With this letter comes a plan of our next development stage for our wonderful School Grounds. If you would like to get involved please let Mrs Mansfield know. The more the merrier!

News from Sue

Sue Harfield (our Home School Link Worker) writes:

I've been in post for 6 months now and I hope I'm beginning to be a more familiar face at Badshot Lea, Weybourne and William Cobbett. I also spend some time at Farnham Heath End School with students, staff and parents.

It's been great getting to know more of you and I'm hoping as we get nearer to transition time as children are moving from school to school I can be a useful link in making the move as smooth as possible.

As I'm discovering what this new role involves I'm finding out about all sorts of resources and support for parents and carers. I thought I'd let you know through the newsletters about the ones I'm finding helpful:

- *Potters Gate Children's Centre has recently opened. Services are for all parent / carers in Farnham with children from pre-birth to pre-school. Various events and services for dads, mums, grandparents, carers and children are held at the Children's Centre including: parenting skills courses; special needs support groups; and things to do in and around Farnham. To find out more call: 01252 891250, or e-mail: childrenscentre@potters-gate.surrey.sch.uk or go to their website at: www.childrenscentre.potters-gate.surrey.sch.uk*
- *Single parents and One Parent Families: Gingerbread information can be found at: www.oneparentfamilies.org.uk with offers of support and information. There is also a helpline on: 08000185026.*
- *Special needs: Partnership with Parents offer support, expert advice and guidance through the education system for parents and carers from identifying needs to accessing appropriate support. E-mail: pwp@surreycc.gov.uk and helpline: 01737737300.*

I'm here to provide support for children, parents and carers. I'm a link between home and school. Catch me after school in the playground - I try to rotate the schools. Or call me. I'm happy to meet at school or if you prefer at home or in the community.

Sue Harfield: 07806757587

Yours sincerely,

Jan Weir

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 2 nd April	We will be taking the children to St George's Church for our Easter Service. Easter Cookery Club Special for year two children - details already sent out.
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.
Tuesday 12 th May	Curry Supper kindly arranged by The Friends - details already sent out.
Friday 15 th May	Bake Sale for Tree Aid - details to follow.
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.