

Badshot Lea Village Infant School

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Dear Parents, Gardening Day

A message from Mrs Mansfield following Gardening Day last Saturday:

'Our Saturday Gardening Day was a HUGE success! How good it feels to be able to see the work we accomplished. I can't thank Mr Stinson enough for bringing all his equipment and large gardening tools to do all the big gardening jobs and so much appreciation goes to all the dedicated mums and dads who helped make the day successful. Thank you also to Mr Fox [our caretaker] for cooking our lunch!

We are putting up a list by the school office of garden jobs that can be done during the day if you should have some time to come in to school to help. Some jobs require gardening and some might be jobs like painting a bench, or building a mini beast home. If you would like more details please speak to Sara Jones [parent of Jacob in Sun Class], Liz Crossley [parent of Edward in Star Class] or myself [Sun Class]. If you have pre-school children, working in the Millennium Garden means you can bring toddlers or babies and shut the gate to make it safe for you all! Do please help if you can. Thank you.'

Farnham Carnival 2009

Thank you to all those families who put forward some amazing ideas for our school entry in Farnham Carnival 2009. It was an extremely difficult decision to make, but eventually, after a great deal of discussion, we decided on the theme: St George and the Dragon. Lots of ideas about costumes were forthcoming, so do please watch out for further details of how you can become involved with our school entry of St George and the Dragon.

The Lions of Farnham Easter Egg Competition

We are currently supporting the Lions of Farnham in raising funds for Surrey Air Ambulance. If you would like to take part in the Easter Egg Competition, in support of Surrey Air Ambulance, please ask at the school office, or catch a member of The Friends. The competition is to name a cuddly soft toy lion [£1 for each name] and the prize is a huge Easter Egg and the cuddly soft toy lion! Friday will be your last opportunity to take part in the Lions of Farnham Easter Egg Competition.

Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal

Thank you to everyone who helped raise £21.67 for Marie Curie through the Daffodil Appeal.

Lunchtime Supervisors

We are always keen to hear from anyone wishing to become a Lunchtime Supervisor at Badshot Lea Village Infant School. Currently we have vacancies for Monday and Wednesday. If you would like to find out more, or would like an application form, please contact Mrs Payne in the school office. Thank you.

Scarecrow Competition

Our school will be taking part in a Scarecrow Competition arranged by Forest Lodge Garden Centre. Our entry, designed by Sorel Watson in year two, will be on display at Forest Lodge from the May half term holiday and throughout the summer. The design incorporates many gardening features and is definitely a re-cycled scarecrow! Work will start on making the scarecrow when we return from the Easter Holiday. In the meantime, please can we ask for your help? If you have any of the following items that you no longer require and would be happy for us to use in making the scarecrow, please do bring them into school at the beginning of next term. All donations to our scarecrow warmly welcomed! Our scarecrow needs to stand between 1 and 1½ metres tall, so that will give you an idea about the size of the following items:

- grey metal or plastic bin lid
- green watering can
- large brown plastic plant pots
- gardening fork [any size]
- sweet wrappers [all colours]
- yellow / lime green hose pipe
- red Wellington Boots
- gardening spade [any size]

Morning Drop-off

When we return to school after the Easter Holiday we will be encouraging the children to become more independent at morning drop-off. We will expect all the children to take responsibility for all their belongings, including coats and book bags. All the children will go directly into the school playground once the inner gate is open. There is no need for any child to go into school. The only exception will be in poor weather when a member of staff will direct the children to the school hall. Do please use the 'social diary' system available at the inner gate to let the staff know who will be collecting your child at the end of school if it is different to usual. Thank you.

Lost Property

We seem to have a huge amount of 'Lost Property'. Where possible, 'Lost Property' is always returned to the owner. However, for this to work all clothing must be clearly named. So please can I ask that you clearly name every item of clothing your child wears or brings to school. On Friday you will have the opportunity to search through the 'Lost Property' for any items your child might have mislaid. If the weather is fine the 'Lost Property' will be laid out for you to view outside from about 2.30pm. Alternatively, if it is wet, the items will be put on the bench running down to Rainbow Class and Sun Class from the main door, again from about 2.30pm. Please do take this opportunity to search through for any mislaid items. Thank you.

Finally

We all wish you a happy Easter Holiday and look forward to welcoming you back to school for the start of the Summer Term on Tuesday 21st April 2009.

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 Cooking Club Special for year 2 children.
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	The children 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.
Wednesday 20 th May	Weald and Downland Open Air Museum visit.
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	The children 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!
Monday 29 th June	Induction Meeting for new parents at 7.30pm.
Saturday 4 th July	Sports and Summer Fair - please put this date in your diary!
Friday 17 th July	Children's Disco kindly arranged by The Friends - details to follow.
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.